The two stories, “Harrison Bergeron”, and “There Will Be Soft Rains” both explore the human condition, while also being an example of dystopian society. In “Harrison Bergeron”, the dystopia is brought on by the idea of total equality and a totalitarian government, hidden behind a mask of egalitarianism. This society had handicaps, so all people are equal, whether it be weights to hold athletic people down, or transmitters that make noises to interrupt the thoughts of intelligent people. There is one person who is so unique and above average, he is kept in jail. Harrison Bergeron is tall, strong, athletic, loud, and intelligent. Harrison escapes jail and bursts into the news studio of the only channel on T.V., and declares himself ruler, and picks a ballerina to be his empress. They take off their handicaps and dance, but the handicap General, the person in charge of everybody and the handicaps, shoots them dead in front of the world. Harrison’s parents and the rest of the world, soon forget this traumatizing event, due to their handicaps. This society displays humanity’s need to fit in and be equal, yet it also displays the need for control. The government is strict and dictates the lives of every citizen and declares everyone equal because they have destroyed or repressed everything that makes people unique, whether it be attractiveness, talent, or intelligence. This idea of a dystopia being a totally equal society is an example of the idea of a utopian society turning dystopian. In “There will be soft rains”, technology is the downfall of humanity. The nuclear war wipes out humanity and only leaves traces of human’s existence, which is a house with all the technology still running, making breakfast, and doing chores for humans who will never come back; which later gets destroyed by a small fire, caused by a tree falling through a window. This story indicates humanity’s need for assistance, as they have developed machines to help them do everyday tasks. Although this can be construed as humans being lazy, which they are, it also demonstrates human’s need for assistance as some tasks would be intrusive to daily life, or some people may not be able to perform daily tasks without the technological assistance. **These stories demonstrate human’s need for equality, control, assistance, companionship, and the ability to fit in to society. They demonstrate that humanity’s ideas of utopian societies, could easily become dystopian, through human error and reliance on technology. Although something may seem ideal, there will always be issues encountered. Not society is perfect.**