After watching a movie or listening to a TEDtalk or reading a piece of literature, a poem, or any other piece of writing, fill in the chart below. When complete, file into your “Inquiry” folder OR print and keep for future reference. You teacher may ask to keep your work as an example to expand understanding in the class

**Title: Harrison Bergeron** **Your name:** Owen Deo

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| **Which Essential Question(s) is addressed in this piece of literature?** | **Content:**   1. What happens in the text/movie/Talk? 2. What is the main message/theme? | **Understanding:**  How does the text answer the EQ?  *Answer in full sentences. Record relevant quotes and page numbers/lines if needed.* |
| What would the world be like if there was no diversity. | The short story Harrison Bergeron is about a society where the government tries to make everyone equal. To do this, they give weights to the strong to make them weak, masks to the beautiful to make them ugly, headphones that play loud noises to the intelligent so that they can’t think… The story centers on a man named George Bergeron and his wife who have a son named Harrison. At the age of 14, Harrison was taken by the government because he was extrordinary. Years later while his father is watching TV, Harrison escapes prison and breaks in to a theater where a performance is being broadcasted live. He takes over and shows people that he is extra ordinary by dancing with one of the ballerinas from the performance. The antagonist the Handicapper general comes in a kills both of them uite suddenly on television. The sad part is, people are just given another blast of noise and forget what they’ve just seen. | A world without diversity would be one so bland it wouldn’t be worth living in. I don’t know how I could deal with being oppressed in such a way that all my basic rights are thrown right out the window. Diversity is essential for the future. The human race requires extraordinary people in order to continue on in life. Imagine if everyone was exactely the same. How far would we have come right now? I can guarantee that there would be no computers, no internet, maybe even no power. If everyone is the same, how are those moments of evolution and discovery going to occur? |