



ANSWERS

Theme Statement: Complete equality within a society is not possible.

Evidence:

- People in the society are unequal in their unassigned handicaps.
- People without handicaps are jealous of people who have to be handicapped (Hazel is jealous of her husband).
- Some things cannot be handicapped (the ballerina's voice).
- Harrison Bergeron breaks free of his handicaps.

Summary:

In a society in which complete equality has been imposed, anyone with superior qualities or abilities is "handicapped" to make them equal. An exceptional 14-year-old boy is taken from home and severely handicapped. When he escapes from prison and stages a rebellion on live television, his utterly "equal" parents are unable to comprehend what has happened.