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“Harrison Bergeron” Literary Analysis: IRONY, FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE, & SATIRE

PART I. DIRECTIONS: Complete the chart below by identifying four (4) handicaps that the Handicapper General uses to ensure that all people are equal and the skill or attribute affected.

METHOD OR DEVICE FOR HANDICAPPING	SKILL OR ATTRIBUTE AFFECTED
1. _____ _____	_____ _____
2. _____ _____	_____ _____
3. _____ _____	_____ _____
4. _____ _____	_____ _____

PART II. DIRECTIONS: Below are a few examples of ironic passages from the story. Explain what makes each one of these passages ironic.

<i>Ironic Passage</i>	<i>Why is this ironic?</i>
<p>“Hazel had a perfectly average intelligence, which meant she couldn’t think of anything except in short bursts. And George, while his intelligence was way above normal, had a little mental-handicap radio in his ear.”</p>	<p>_____ _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>“She must have been extraordinarily beautiful, because the mask she wore was hideous. And it was easy to see that she was the strongest and most graceful of all the dancers, for her handicap bags were as big as those worn by two-hundred-pound men.”</p>	<p>_____ _____ _____ _____</p>

