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Dystopian Worlds Essay

Reading Standard 2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

Reading Standard 1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Writing Standard 1: Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.



Your Writing Task: The short stories, "Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut and "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas" by Ursula Le Guin, and the film *Gattaca* (1997) present seemingly perfect worlds that hide injustice under the surface. Societies sacrifice the joy of the individual for the benefit of all.

What can we as readers learn from these stories about our own world? In at least a five-paragraph essay, describe a central theme (lesson, moral) in at least one of the stories. Include textual evidence to support your ideas. What lessons can we apply to our world today?

Resources available at: www.mrnittle.com

Writing Criteria:

- Well-organized multiple-paragraph essay.
- A clear thesis statement (main argument).
- Textual evidence with analysis (quotes must be cited with page numbers in MLA Format).
- Checked for spelling/grammar/mechanics.
- Typed in MLA Format (Times New Roman, 12 point, Double Spaced) in Google Classroom (classroom.google.com).
- Editing/Revision websites: paperrater.com, grammarly.com, hemingwayapp.com

Introducing Quotes/Evidence:

- X states, "_____."
- According to X, "_____."
- In X's view, "_____."

Analyzing/Explaining Evidence:

- In other words, X believes _____.
- In making this comment, X shows us that _____.
- X's point is that _____.

Writing Process:

1. Prewriting/Outline (20 points) Due: _____
2. Rough Draft (40 points) Due: _____
3. Peer-Editing/Revision (20 points) Due: _____
4. Typed Final Draft (100 points) Due: _____