CENTRAL IDEA for a TEXT BASED RESPONSE

**YOUR TASK**: Having closely read “Harrison Bergeron” you will write a well-developed text based response of a minimum of 3 paragraphs.

In your response, identify a central idea in the story and analyze how the author’s use of one writing strategy (literary element or technique) develops this central idea. Use strong and thorough evidence from the story to support your analysis. Do NOT simply summarize the story.

**BE SURE TO**:

* Identify a CENTRAL IDEA (Theme) from the story
  + A Central Idea is a main idea that is carefully developed throughout the literature.
  + What is the main idea? What is the author’s purpose? What are they trying to convey to an audience?
  + What does it teach us about life, relationships, mankind, and society?
  + This should be an intellectual and academic idea represented by a complete sentence (Thesis)
* Identify how the author uses ONE writing strategy (literary element or technique) to develop the central idea.
  + Examples include:
    - Characterization
    - Conflict
    - Metaphor/Simile
    - Personification
    - Point of View
    - Symbolism
    - OTHER
* Use strong and thorough (specific) evidence from the text to support your analysis.
  + Find examples from the story to prove your central idea is accurate.
  + Explain each example as though the reader is not familiar with the text
* Develop a Topic Sentence for your body paragraph that:
  + You support with specific information from the text.
  + Offers insight to how these examples support your central idea.
* Organize your ideas in a cohesive and coherent manner.
* Maintain a formal (academic) style of writing.
* Follows the conventions of standard written English.