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Greetings, Wise Fools—

Here's how we'll roll today:

1. WEDGE—For roughly ten minutes, record your initial analytical responses to "Looking for a Rain God." If you are feeling in a more creative mood, imagine that you are one of the characters in the story and retell the events from your own first-person perspective.

2. Small Group Work & Large Group Work: More Theme Statements— We will split into small groups and follow this process:

A. Each group will have fifteen minutes to review the key elements of "Looking for a Rain God" (plot, point of view, character, symbol & irony, and individual theme statements).

B. Each group will then work to collaborate on a theme statement that incorporates the best parts of the individual theme statements.

C. When I give the signal, each team will upload its theme statement.

D. Working as a large group, we will review the small-group work.

E. Each team will then have an opportunity to collaborate on revising a better theme statement.

F. When I give the signal, each team will upload its new, improved theme statement.

G. Working as a large group, we will determine which theme statement is the best!

3. Getting a Jump on the Homework—See below.

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Mr Leo

Homework:
1. Actively read "Harrison Bergeron," a short story by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. As you read, make digital notes on all the important elements of the short story, with special emphasis on the motivations of the characters. Your active reading MUST include a theme statement that should appear on the final page of the short story.
2. Upload your active reading of the short story to Turnitin.com.
  N.B. This short story text is posted to our Moodle page as a MSWord document. You will perform your active reading duties digitally. When it is time to upload your work to Turnitin.com, you are responsible for ensuring that your annotations can be seen.
  You MUST use the Preview option at Turnitin.com to ensure that all of your Comments and Annotations can be viewed.