**Examples of Ways Society Tries to Enforce Equality**

1. Students are not held back a grade even if they have not completed the grade level course material.
2. Everyone on sports teams gets a participation trophy not matter how much they participated or excelled.
3. Affirmative Action--Individuals hired or admitted to college because of ethnicity or gender instead of qualifications.
4. Headline: Teachers Banned From Using 'Confrontational' Red Ink In Case It Upsets Children: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1101790/Teachers-banned-using-confrontational-red-ink-case-upsets-children.html#ixzz1Rw7vVnUD>
5. ***American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery reports almost 9.5 Million Cosmetic Procedures in 2010.*** American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery <http://www.surgery.org/media/news-releases/demand-for-plastic-surgery-rebounds-by-almost-9%25>
6. Politically Correct Terms: “Mentally challenged" in place of "Retarded" and other terms

"[African American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_American)" in place of "Black," "Negro" and other terms

"[Native American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_peoples_of_the_Americas)" in place of "Indian"

"[Caucasian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caucasian)" in place of "White", and other terms

"Gender-neutral" terms such as "firefighter" in place of "fireman"

Terms relating to disability, such as "visually challenged" or "hearing impaired" in place of "blind" or "deaf"

1. People mask their strengths and/or weaknesses to conform to the norm (to fit in).

 After reading “Harrison Bergeron” and the “Examples of Ways Society Tries to Enforce Equality” list, write an persuasive paragraph making a claim that either society is harmed or helped by efforts to equalize everyone. Use the following structure:

* Hook
* Point
* Example
* Explanation
* Link

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Use 2 FANBOYS and a conjunctive adverb ☺