

3/15 Quickwrite:

Imagine what it would be like if everyone were perfectly equal and exactly the same in our society.

Write a well-constructed paragraph about your vision. Make five predictions about this completely equitable society.

Name:

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The Twilight Zone: "Number Twelve Looks Just Like You"

-Respond to the following questions:

1. What is the "Transformation"?
2. What is "Instant Smile"? What is it similar to in our world today?
3. Is being like everybody else the same as being nobody, as Marilyn says?
4. What are your thoughts on the following: "Without ugliness, there can be no beauty?"
5. Why would The State want everybody to look, think, and feel the same?
6. What are your thoughts on the ending of the episode?

7. This episode centers around the theme of the individual vs. society. Why do you think this theme is so common in science fiction from the early 20th century until today? What are some examples of this theme in fiction you have read/seen?

8. What do you think Rod Serling (the creator of *The Twilight Zone*) was commenting on in his own time through this episode?
-Remember: 1. He was working in Hollywood. 2. He was writing episodes like this 1 - 2 decades after World War II and the reign of Hitler and Stalin.

9. Where do a society's ideals of beauty come from?

10. How are the themes of this episode relevant to the topic of human genetic engineering?