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**“2BR02B” (Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.)**

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| **#1) Before Reading: Summarize population control in your own words. Then, make one prediction about the story based on the title.**  | **#2: During Reading: Check off each characteristic of a dystopia as you see it during the story.** ⃝ Propaganda is used to control the citizens.⃝ Information, independent thought, and freedom are restricted.⃝ A figurehead or concept is worshipped by the citizens of the society.⃝ Citizens are perceived to be under constant surveillance.⃝ Citizens have a fear of the outside world. ⃝ Citizens live in a dehumanized state. ⃝ The natural world is banished and distrusted. ⃝ Citizens conform to uniform expectations. Individuality and dissent are bad.⃝ The society is an illusion of a perfect utopian world.⃝ It is set in the future; the world as we know it now was changed, damaged, or destroyed by some catastrophic event (war, disease, apocalypse, etc.)⃝ The dystopian protagonist is someone who feels trapped, is struggling to escape, questions the way society is, and helps the audience understand more about the world.⃝ It is typically a worst-case scenario critique or warning of some current societal trend, and what might happen in the future if the trend continues. |
| **#3: After Reading: Write 5 HOT questions (not “What…” or “Who…” questions) that you have about the story.** | **#4: After Reading: Draw a picture that you think accurately reflects the theme or message of the story.**  |