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Candide by Voltaire

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Analyze the role of optimism and its parody in "Candide." How does Voltaire use Pangloss's philosophy to satirize the concept of a perfectly ordered world?
2. Discuss Voltaire's portrayal of religious institutions and figures in the novella. How do characters like the Grand Inquisitor exemplify religious hypocrisy?
3. Explore the theme of human resilience as depicted through Candide's character. How does his unwavering optimism contribute to his resilience in the face of adversity?
4. Reflect on the relevance of "Candide" in addressing societal issues and human nature. How do the novella's themes continue to resonate in contemporary society?

