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HW#5

El Dorado is a symbol of perfection to many because it has many expensive luxuries due to how wealthy the people were and the people there are accustomed to there being zero crime. This is almost like a Socialist utopia. In the text, Voltaire writes "...they [Candide and Cacambo] saw public buildings that rose up to the clouds, market places adorned with countless columns, fountains of clear water, pink water or sugar-cane liquers which flowed continuously...." (64). The extreme amount of money that El Dorado has made the town very luxurious. Not only did that have nice buildings and clean water, they also had a continuous flow of sugar-cane liquor. A continuous flow of alcoholic beverages is definitely an expensive luxury. El Dorado is symbol of perfection also because of its people/culture being too perfect. Voltaire states ,"Candide asked to see the law courts; he was told that there were none, that lawsuits were unknown. He asked if there were prisons, the answer was no," (64). A perfect town would have no crime, and a town with no crime means that the town should not have any form of punishment in that regard. This means that the people in the town have and will never commit any crimes, which is hard to believe because human nature usually results in crime. Thus, El Dorado is a symbol of perfection to many because it has many expensive luxuries due to how wealthy its people were and the culture seems almost too perfect.

I would want to live in El Dorado for a little bit. The people there are so rich that they do not mind jewels and gold being taken from them. The king also mentioned that he does not prevent people from leaving El Dorado. This presents a lucrative opportunity for me if I lived in El Dorado. I could hoard precious jewels and metals in El Dorado, then take them to Europe to be sold.