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Period 8

HW#8

Candide's last sentence in the novella, "'Well said," replied Candide, "but we must cultivate our garden,"' (113) can be interpreted to mean to reach a better situation, one must work towards it and that people should not be content with their current situation. Candide's last sentence was said in response to Pangloss who occasionally said to Candide ,"'All events are interconnected in this best of all possible worlds, for if you hadn't been driven from a beautiful castle with hard kicks... and if you hadn't lost all your sheep from the land of Eldorado, you wouldn't be here eating candied citrons and pistachio nuts,"' (113). Pangloss was saying that going past all of Candide's misfortune, Candide has achieved a fortunate outcome. Pangloss does not say that this outcome is necessarily better than their lives at the start of the novella. Candide's response to this statement is said almost as a way to tell Pangloss that their situation is not exactly better than originally, but they can work to improve their situation. This advice can be applied to one's own circumstances simply by working hard even when content or unhopeful. If someone keeps on working at their current situation, they can achieve better things. For a student such as me, this can be applied to my grades. Keep working hard in school to improve my grades and knowledge seems to be the application of Candide's advice to my circumstances.

Ending agrees with Leibnitz's philosophy that events occur for the greater good.

"Candide deeply pondered the Turk's remarks. He said to Pangloss and Martin, "That good old man seems to have made himself a much better life than the six kings we had the honor of eating supper with," (112).

"The whole group entered into this commendable plan, and each began to exercise his own talents. The little farm yielded abundant crops. Cunegonde was very ugly, it is true, but she soon became an excellent pastry cook. Paquette embroidered and the old woman took care of the linen. Everyone made himself useful, even Brother Giroflee: he was a good carpenter and he even became an honest man," (113).

"I have only twenty acres of land," replied the Turk "which my children and I cultivate. Out work keeps us free of three great evils: boredom, vice and poverty,"' (112).