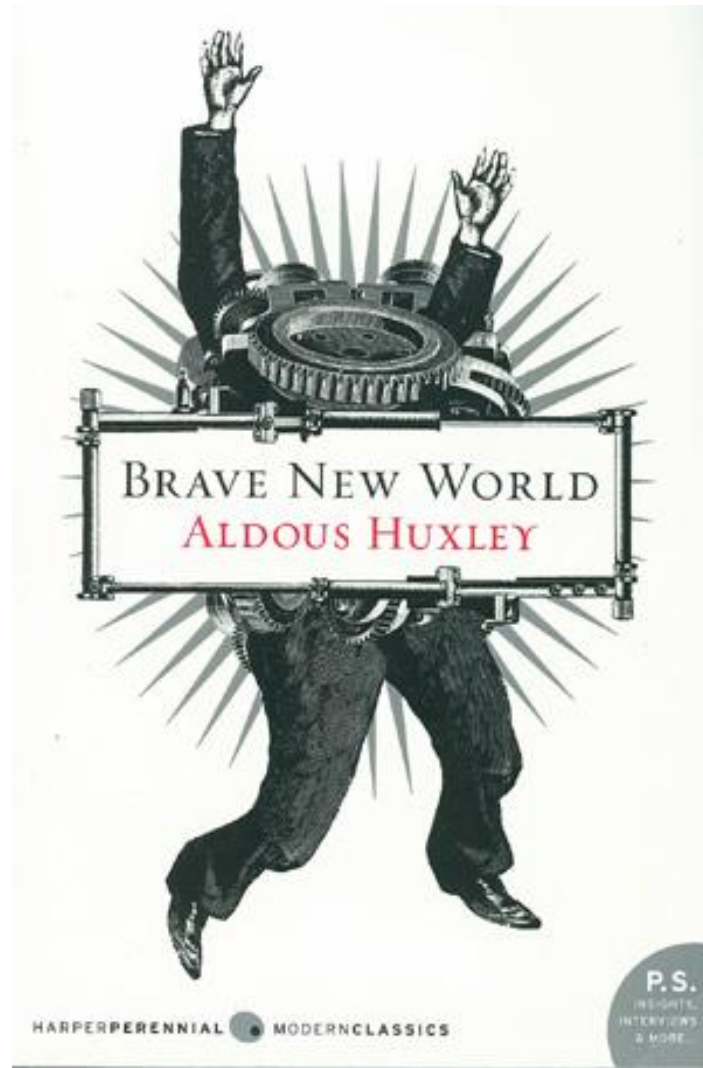


BRAVE NEW WORLD



MCHS ENG II-H
SUMMER READING PACKET

Summer Reading Assignments 2010
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The summer reading assignment for English II-Honor's will be Aldous Huxley's timeless classic ***Brave New World***. ***Brave New World*** is a dystopic novel about a world that contains endless distraction but little soul. Readers follow two main characters, Bernard, an Alpha male, and John Savage, a person from a "reservation" which is uninfluenced by the civilization. In this world, people are grown and controlled in an effort to produce maximum efficiency while eliminating as much pain and suffering as possible. As we read, we question what it means to be human...

Class discussions and assignments will focus on this novel when students return in the fall. Students will have brushed away some of the summer cobwebs and be prepared to begin class. The completed reading will provide a basis for discussion, writing, and thinking from the first day on. **The corresponding assignments will be graded and averaged into the students' grades; failure to complete the reading does not automatically drop the student from the course, but it will adversely affect their course grade.** Students are expected to provide their own copies of the assigned titles. Assignments will be presented to the students in class as well as posted on the website.

Before reading: Complete the Anticipation Guide and writing assignments

As you read:

Find examples of things that you find Fascinating, Interesting, and things you take issue with (dislike or disagree with). Write down the page number, a brief quote focused on this idea or event, then write a personal response (why does this fascinate, intrigue, anger, or confuse you?) **DO NOT SUMMARIZE! Don't just write down questions about the book.** Don't limit yourself to brief responses! Be full and reflective in your responses. Try to write down multiple items per chapter. One or two items will do, but more is always better! You can respond to: the story, a character, a character's actions, the setting, an event in the plot, the writing style, an idea that the book presents, or ANYTHING you find interesting, don't just choose stuff to put in the boxes, make this an AUTHENTIC response to your reading! Try using the following sentence starters:

- I was fascinated by...
- I disagree with...
- I agree with...
- This angers me because...
- I am confused by...
- This interested me because...
- I really enjoyed reading about...
- I like how...

After you read:

- Complete the Anticipation guide "after" assignment
- Complete the Discussion Web on the last page
- Show up on Day 1 with this packet filled out and be ready to discuss!

BEFORE YOU READ BRAVE NEW WORLD...

Consider the following Key Questions:

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN? WHAT IS “HUMAN”?
2. WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE HAVE TO SACRIFICE TO ACHIEVE HARMONY WITH OTHERS?
3. WHAT WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE TO HELP ACHIEVE HARMONY?

Directions:

1. Before reading Brave New World, in the “Before” column, respond to each statement by putting a plus sign (+) if you agree with it, a minus sign (-) if you disagree, and a question mark (?) if you are unsure of your belief.
2. For one of the statements below, respond on the lines provided as the “Before” response as to why you agree or disagree with that statement.
3. After you read Brave New World, in the “After” column, respond again to each statement. Then, journal in the “After” section to a statement where your belief changed since reading the book. If you have not changed your mind on any statements, journal on a different statement than you did in the “Before” section.

<u>BEFORE</u>	<u>STATEMENT</u>	<u>AFTER</u>
1. ____	Genetically engineered human babies are a sign of progress.	1. ____
2. ____	Every person belongs to every other person on earth.	2. ____
3. ____	Knowledge of history is bunk and unneeded.	3. ____
4. ____	A world without any pain and suffering is ideal.	4. ____
5. ____	Organized religion is a positive social factor.	5. ____
6. ____	There should be separate classes of people (high, middle, low).	6. ____
7. ____	It is necessary to conform to your society.	7. ____
8. ____	Rituals are an important part of becoming an adult.	8. ____
9. ____	Emotions get in the way of human progress.	9. ____
10. ____	The future of the world is better than the present in every way.	10. ____

BEFORE YOU READ BRAVE NEW WORLD...

Before Reading, Statement Response. Response to # ____

After Reading, Statement Response. Response to # ____

DURING YOUR READING OF BRAVE NEW WORLD...

Find examples of things that you find Fascinating, Interesting, and things you take issue with (dislike or disagree with). Write down the page number, a brief quote focused on this idea or event, then write a personal response (why does this fascinate, intrigue, anger, or confuse you?) **DO NOT SUMMARIZE! Don't just write down questions about the book.** Don't limit yourself to brief responses! Be full and reflective in your responses. Try to write down multiple items per chapter. One or two items will do, but more is always better! You can respond to: the story, a character, a character's actions, the setting, an event in the plot, the writing style, an idea that the book presents, or ANYTHING you find interesting, don't just choose stuff to put in the boxes, make this an AUTHENTIC response to your reading! Try using the following sentence starters:

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AFTER YOUR READING OF BRAVE NEW WORLD...

Consider the Key Questions below, then list what you think humans should have to sacrifice to achieve peace and harmony in the world in the left-hand column and what you would be willing to sacrifice for the good of world harmony in the right-hand column. Finally, form a conclusion and write a paragraph below with your ideas about humanity...

<p>What humans should sacrifice...</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p><u>Key Questions:</u></p> <p>What do humans have to sacrifice to achieve harmony?</p> <p>What would you be willing to sacrifice to help society achieve harmony?</p> <p>↓</p> <p><u>Conclusion:</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>What I would be willing to sacrifice...</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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In order to achieve harmony, everyone should sacrifice _____

because _____

I would be willing to sacrifice _____