

BRAVE NEW WORLD:

An Exploratory Questionnaire in Preparation to Create One's Own Utopia

In order to create your ideal society, you will first conduct a study of the society created in *Brave New World*.

Huxley's society didn't succeed for a variety of reasons. Analyze the following events, symbols and characters from *Brave New World*. Where do these ideas fail in the novel?

Describe the overall purpose of the society created in *Brave New World*? What is the society called?

How are humans created?

How many castes are there? Name them? What is the difference between Alphas and Epsilons?

What type of conditioning is performed on babies to make them loathe books and flowers?

What is Soma? Why is it used?

What happens to people in their sleep? What is the purpose?

Do people read books? What do they do for pleasure?

What are the consequences for breaking the rules in the World State?

Do people age in the World State? How long do people live? Do they die? If so, how?

How are love, marriage and parents viewed in the World State?

Do art and religion exist in the World State? Why?

Describe the concluding scene of the book? What happens to John? What does he do?

Describe the following main characters. What parts of society does each represent? What do they stand for or believe in?

John the Savage

Bernard Marx

Henry Foster

Helmholtz Watson

Mustapha Mond

Lenina Crowne

Linda

The Director (Tomakin)

Fanny Crowne

Do you believe that the World State is a utopia or a dystopia? Explain.