

Brave New World Essay Prompt

Directions: Answer *one* of the following five prompts completely by tracing the theme throughout the novel and analyzing quotes, symbols, and events related to the prompt. Add observations and explanations about each quote. Cite sources using correct MLA formatting.

Huxley's Warning: Write an essay in which you convincingly argue that Brave New World describes what actually could happen, has happened, or is happening. Remember to link happenings in the modern world with specific events and ideas in the novel. Idea to consider: Is any of the fantasy in the novel now reality?



Mind Meddlers: What is Aldous Huxley's warning for our society about allowing the government to control our ideas? Describe and analyze the many ways in which people in the novel are controlled and explain how these are related to ways we are controlled in our current world. Ideas to consider: "history" and "literature" in the Brave New World; conditioning methods; drugs; absence of pain and discomfort.

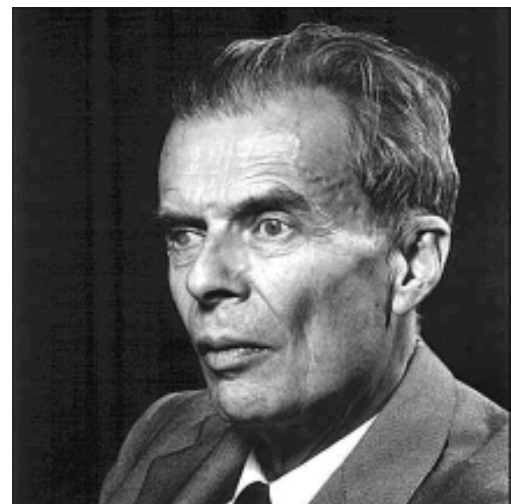
Bottled Pleasure: Explain, in detail, how the world controllers were able to fulfill all of the base needs of the population by manufacturing pleasure. Ideas to consider: What deeper psychological and natural needs were sacrificed in doing so? Why does the savage categorically reject these pleasures?

Rubric

Introduction	___/10
Should include a hook, connector (including author and title), and thesis statement	
Body	___/30
Should answer the prompt directly and completely with organized paragraphs	
Evidence	___/30
Specific quotes, symbols, and paraphrases of events should be used as support to answer the prompt	
Citations	___/10
Use correct MLA standards	
Conclusion	___/10
Restates what was proved and provides a final thought	
Follows Directions	___/10
12-pt. font, 1-inch margins, min. 2 pgs., MLA format	
Content Total	___/100
Grammar/Mechanics/Spelling	___/100

A Difference of Opinion About Utopia: Compare and contrast the views that at least three characters have of the Brave New World they live(d) in. What about their upbringing has led to their contrasting opinions of specific aspects of this world? Ideas to consider: How does each character view identity, disease, censorship, history, old age, drugs, brainwashing, etc. Why do some "fit in" while others don't?

Three Little Words: The key slogan of the BNW is "Community, Identity, Stability." Write an essay which analyzes this slogan, pointing out what is wrong with the concepts behind the words. Ideas to consider: How is the slogan ironic? In other words, how do you visualize the concepts of community, identity, and stability in the modern world as opposed to what exists in the BNW? What do you think the real slogan of the BNW should be?



Aldous Huxley