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Brave New World Web Quest Worksheet

Background on Aldous Huxley

1. According to the author of this biography, how are Huxley’s own experiences recreated in Brave New World? <http://somaweb.org/w/huxbio.html>
   1. How was England in Huxley’s time like Brave New World?
   2. Which characters are most like Huxley himself? How?
   3. What was an influential event in Huxley’s life that occurred when he was 14?
   4. How might this event be reflected in Brave New World?
   5. What illness did Huxley experience at 16? How did it affect his life?
   6. What was Huxley’s impression of America?
2. Huxley’s essay “On Silence.” Explain how his critique fits today’s society. Write at least one complete paragraph (5-7 sentences). <http://dialogic.blogspot.com/2005/01/aldous-huxley-on-silence.html>
3. The Psychology Behind Brave New World 3. Who was Ivan Pavlov and how did he end up experimenting on salivating dogs?

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/databank/entries/bhpavl.html>

Introduction to novel <https://prezi.com/icax5c0pnv6u/brave-new-world-introduction/>

1. What does AF stand for?
   1. Why is F this person instead of a diety?
   2. What year does this novel take place in?
2. What is the definition of conditioning?
3. Recall at least three political or economic events occurring during the time of BNW’s publication
4. Behavioral Psychology and John Watson’s research. Explain how his experiment with Albert B is eerily similar to how the Delta children are conditioned to hate books and flowers in chapter 2. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/databank/entries/dh13wa.html>
5. BF Skinner <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/databank/entries/bhskin.html>

a. How did Skinner develop the ideas of “operant behavior” and “shaping behavior” with pigeons?

b. What similarities did Skinner notice between how children learn to speak and his experiments with pigeons?

c. What is your opinion on Skinner's experiments using “punishment” and “reward?”

d. Do you agree that “everything we do and are is shaped by our experience with punishment and reward?” Why/not?

Why Henry Ford plays such a prominent role in Brave New World: Some clues

<http://www.time.com/time/time100/builder/profile/ford.html>

6. Henry Ford

a. How did Ford’s modest agrarian (farming) background influence the type of car he decided to make?

b. How did Ford react to backers who wanted him to do things their way (make a car for the rich)?

c. Why was Ford interested in mass consumption?

d. What is Ford’s connection with the interstate highway system? Why?

e. According to Iacocca, how is Ford responsible for creating a middle class in America?

f. Why did Ford raise his workers’ pay?

g. In what ways did Ford take care of his workers like a father (paternalism)?

h. How was Ford’s paternalism similar to the way the World State takes care of its citizens in Brave New World?

Persuasion and Propaganda

1. What is Propaganda and why do we care? <http://propaganda.mrdonn.org/techniques.html#INTRO>.
2. What are the eight Common techniques of propaganda? Briefly explain each.

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/reportingamericaatwar/teachers/pdf/propaganda.pdf>

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

1. What are some current examples of propaganda? List 3.

<http://english.glendale.cc.ca.us/propaganda.examples.html>

1. Scroll down this page and look at the “Examples” section (some examples include: America First Party, Anti-American propaganda from Afghanistan, Enron Corporation.) <http://www.propagandacritic.com>