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### ***Brave New World: Chapter 3***

**I. Vocabulary:** Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel or class discussions. Also, be prepared to be quizzed on these words.

**muse:** to think about something deeply

**apparatus:** equipment designed to serve a specific function

**incredulity:** the feeling of not believing [in (not) + cred (belief)]

**surreptitious:** done secretly

**axiomatic:** generally believed to be true

**truculent:** aggressively hostile

**promiscuous:** having sexual relations with a lot of different people

**grimace:** pained facial expression

**indignant:** angry at something unjust

**hypnopedia:** teaching during sleep [hypno (sleep) + ped (child)]

**ectogenesis:** development outside the body, as of an embryo in an artificial environment

**copulate:** engage in sexual intercourse

### **II. Background Info:**

**Trotsky:** Leon Trotsky (1879-1940) was a Russian revolutionary and communist theorist. He was ousted by Stalin.

**Marx:** Karl Marx (1818-1883) was the founder of modern communism. He wrote the Communist Manifesto along with Friedrich Engels.

In the novel, Bernard Marx is named after Marx.

**Malthusian:** Thomas Robert Malthus (1766-1834) was an economist who wrote “Essay on the Principle of Population.” In this essay, he discusses the catastrophe that will happen if human population outgrows the earth’s resources. He argues that population increase will eventually bring wars and decrease pay for labor. He also argues that people will have to work harder to get resources. Essentially, Malthus proposed that there is a threshold to populations. If earth’s population goes beyond this threshold, then people will experience catastrophes.

The Malthusian Belt in the novel is a belt that provides constant birth control so that the women in society don't get pregnant. Population is controlled by the Controllers for the sake of stability.

**III. Literary Terms:** these will be the terms that we use to discuss the novel. Please know them for our discussion and your tests and quizzes.

**Foil:** a character who acts as contrast to another character.

Question: In what ways is Fanny Crowne the foil of Lenina Crowne?

**Situational Irony:** there is a difference between what is expected to happen and what really happens. This occurs in the novel when we see behavior or actions in this society that goes against the expected behavior of our own times.

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Questions:** answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.

1. What does the director say is strange about sports during Ford's day?
2. What is necessary for the controllers to allow a new game?
3. The director points out two kids playing by themselves, what game are these two kids playing?
4. Why does the nurse suspect the boy she is dragging needs to see the Assistant Superintendent of Psychology?
5. What fact about history does the director share with the students that is unbelievable to them?
6. What is the name of the Controller?

**Note:** From this point forward, the chapter switches back and forth in a confusing manner. Huxley uses large spacing between paragraphs to indicate the switch. We focus on the Director, Mustapha Mond, and the students. The other focus is the changing room with Lenina and Fanny. And the third focus is the changing room with Bernard Marx, Henry Foster, and the Assistant Predestinator. At times, there is even a focus on the hypnopedia lessons.

7. What does Henry Foster and the Assistant Director of Predestination do to Bernard Marx?
8. What word is considered smutty?
9. What is the hypnopedic proverb Mustapha Mond repeats?
10. What has Lenina been doing that is surprising and disappointing to Fanny?
11. What does Fanny say Henry Foster's reaction would be if he found out that Lenina was only seeing him and not others?

12. What does Lenina say she hasn't been very interested in?
  13. The Controller, Mustapha, tells the students that they are fortunate that no pains have been spared to prevent them from having what?
- Note:** Henry Foster says that Lenina is “[w]onderfully pneumatic.” *Pneumatic* here means “well rounded, especially with a large bosom.” It is slang. This is not how this word is usually used.
14. What does Henry Foster say he is surprised about with the Assistant Predestinator?
  15. Who does Lenina say she has some interest in?
  16. Where has Bernard Marx invited Lenina to go?
  17. What do they say about Bernard Marx, according to Fanny?
  18. What thoughts does Bernard Marx have that shows the reader he thinks differently from the way others in the society think?
  19. What does Fanny say probably happened to Bernard while he was still in the bottle?
  20. What is Bernard Marx a specialist in?
  21. What did the Controllers realize was better than force?
  22. What did Lenina wear around her waist?
  23. One of the advantages of a really scientific education is that the people of this society have never heard of what man?
  24. What does Henry Foster say Bernard Marx is in need of?
  25. What does Mustapha say about old age in this society?
  26. Throughout Mustapha's lecture what did he say was in the way of stability before the nine-year war?
  27. According to Mustapha, what is the state of thinking, reading, and culture (i.e., visiting places like museums)?