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Brave New World: Chapter 5

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.

façade: face or front of a building

crimson: blood-red

quaff: to drink an intoxicating beverage

solidarity: unity of interests

II. Background Info:

Utilitarianism: is a philosophy that says that all action should be directed toward promoting the greatest happiness of the greatest number of persons. Jeremy Bentham, an English philosopher, was the founder of utilitarianism; John Stuart Mill is the best-known utilitarianism philosopher. With Utilitarianism, before one chooses a course of action, he should weigh which choice will have the most utility, which choice will be the most useful for the greater amount of people. People must act selflessly and keep the community in mind over the individual.

Question: What is Aldous Huxley's opinion of this philosophy? How does he communicate his opinion through *Brave New World*?

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

1. What building has the four chimneys?
2. How do people continue to be useful after death?
3. What does Lenina find strange when talking about being useful after death?
4. What does Lenina remember happening when she was a child?
5. When Lenina says that she is glad she is not an Epsilon, what does Henry say she would say if she were an Epsilon?
6. What was served with the coffee?

7. What did the electric sky-signs say?
8. What song do the Sixteen Sexophonists play?
9. Even though Lenina is on Soma, what does she not forget to do?

Part II

Note: Big Henry is the future version of Big Ben in London. Big Ben is a famous clock tower. Instead of chiming, Big Henry rings out “Ford.”

10. Why does Morgana Rothschild stare at Bernard with astonishment?
11. What is the make-up of the solidarity group?
12. Instead of making the sign of the cross, the President makes what sign?
13. What is the group drinking?
14. Where do they beat out the rhythm as they dance around in the circle?
15. As the lights start to fade, what phrase does the group keep repeating?
16. What are Bernard’s thoughts on the Solidarity Service?