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Brave New World: Chapter 6

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.

eccentric: unusual, odd [ex (out) + centr (center)]

surrogate: substitute; taking the place of another [**sub** (under, in place of) + rogat (ask)]

obstinate: stubborn

blasphemy: something that is considered offensive to someone's religious beliefs

solecism: mistake in the use of language

indecorous: improper

serene: peaceful

octoroon: person having one-eighth black ancestry

- II. Questions: answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.
- 1. What was Lenina's verdict on Bernard Marx?
- 2. How did Fanny explain Bernard's weirdness?
- 3. What does Henry Ford compare Bernard to?
- 4. What did Lenina think Bernard had a mania for?
- 5. When Bernard and Lenina were on a date, what type of activities did Bernard want to do that Lenina found strange?
- 6. What did Lenina convince Bernard to go see?
- 7. Where does Bernard take Lenina that she finds to be horrible?
- 8. What does Bernard say that Lenina finds to be blasphemous?
- 9. What did Bernard do that made Lenina think that he was all right again?

10. How does Bernard wish the night had ended?
11. What does Lenina say about having fun?
12. What does Lenina say about feeling?
Part 2
13. The director seems like he didn't want to sign the permit. Why does he sign it?
14. What happened to the director was in New Mexico?
15. The director says he didn't have any indecorous relation with the girl. What does type of relations does he consider indecorous?
16. What does the director say he will do to Bernard Marx if he ever again hears of him not acting infantile?
17. After Bernard boasts to Helmholtz Watson, what does Helmholtz think about Bernard?
Part 3
18. While the Warden is talking, what is Bernard worrying about?
19. When the Warden is talking, what does Lenina do so that she can sit through his talking?
20. What are some of the repulsive habits and customs that still exist on the reservation?
21. What does Bernard learn about what the D.H.C. said?
22. How come the savages won't do anything to Lenina and Bernard?