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Brave New World: Chapter 14

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.

moribund: near death; in a dying state

senile: forgetting things and behaving in an odd way because they are old

sexagenarian: some in their 60s.

truculent: aggressive; belligerent

obstinate: stubborn

ordure: excrement; dung; human or animal waste

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

- 1. Where were the aerial hearses on their way to?
- 2. Why does the nurse turn away and blush?
- 3. What was Linda watching?
- 4. While John is visiting Linda, who came pouring into the room?
- 5. Why did the boy scream out?
- 6. What does the nurse say is the reason all the boys are there?
- 7. What song does John think about?
- 8. What happens that makes John feel like he got a pail full of ordure, or crap, flung in his face?
- 9. What game are the little boys playing with the nurse?
- 10. After Linda dies, how was John acting that made the nurse say he was behaving badly?
- 11. What does the nurse offer the boys?
- 12. What did John do to the boy on his way out?