



BRAVE NEW WORLD

Socratic Discussions

“Actual happiness always looks pretty squalid in comparison with the overcompensations for misery. And, of course, stability isn't nearly so spectacular as instability. And being contented has none of the glamour of a good fight against misfortune, none of the picturesqueness of a struggle with temptation, or a fatal overthrow by passion or doubt. Happiness is never grand” (Huxley 221).

DISCUSSION TOPICS

For several weeks, we shall discuss *Brave New World*, and articles, poems, and personal essays related to the following topics:

1. Technology and Entertainment
2. Education and Reading
3. Pain and Compassion
4. Family and Relationships
5. Identity and Community

We will discuss different perspectives of these topics and explore our own views.

SOCRATIC EXPECTATIONS

It is vital that you learn to celebrate and share your ideas with your peers and the world around you. I want – more than anything – you to gain confidence and value your voice. Therefore, we will have **A MILLION** open discussions throughout Unit 3, and you are required to participate a specific number of times. In addition, you must make reference to the applicable texts.

1. You must participate 20 times. 30 Points
 2. You must reference specific quotes 15 times. 20 Points
- In order to receive full credit, you must share substantive observations and reference direct quotes.
 - You must participate weekly, not just at the beginning or the end.
 - You will lose points if you monopolize any of the discussions.

Don't be afraid! It'll all work out!

- If you are absent for prolonged periods of time, you may have to complete an alternative assignment, such as an oral presentation.

YOU'RE AWESOME!

