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Brave New World

Allusions and Unique Terms

ALLUSIONS*

Bernard Marx: Karl Marx, founder of Marxism, Socialism

Lenina Crowne: Russian revolutionary and founder of the communist party Vladimir Lenin

Benito Hoover: Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and 31st U.S. President Herbert Hoover

Malthusian belt; Malthusian Drill: Political economist Thomas Malthus, an early proponent of birth control for population regulation

conditioning and Neo-Pavlovian: Russian scientist Ivan Pavlov and his conditioning experiments (Pavlov's dogs)

Ford: Henry Ford, creator of Model T Ford and modern assembly-line work

George Bernard Shaw: Irish writer and socialist George Bernard Shaw

Freud: Austrian psychiatrist and founder of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud

Helmholtz Watson: John B. Watson, American psychologist, founder of behaviorism; together with Rosalie Rayner, he conducted the controversial "Little Albert" experiment

Mustapha Mond: Founder of modern Turkey, Mustapha Kemal Atatürk

Mond: *monde*—"world" or "people" in French

Brave New World: from Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, Miranda says: "O, wonder! How many goodly creatures are there here! How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, That has such people in't!"

(**Allusion* – the making of a casual or indirect reference to someone or something real)

TERMS

A.F.: Annum Ford, After Ford (allusion to AD – *anno Domini*)

Bokanovsky Group: identical twins that have been created by a single egg divided numerous times through Bokanovsky's Process

bottling: process by which embryos are grown

Centrifugal Bumble-Puppy: a game in which children throw a ball onto a rotating disk that throws the ball back in a random direction, and is meant to be caught

D.H.C.: The Director of Hatcheries and Conditioning

decanting room: a room where the babies are removed from the bottles

ectogenesis: a process by which embryos are grown outside of a womb; in this case, they are grown in bottles

feelies: a play on the "talkies" of the 1930s, similar to modern movies; viewers are able to feel the emotion and smell the smells of the movie in front of them

hypnopædia: one step of the conditioning process by which, while sleeping, babies and children listen to repeated messages about morals and their place in society, until they are completely conditioned to live and breathe these messages

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Malthusian belt: a belt that dispenses contraceptives

Neo-Pavlovian Conditioning: loud noises, flashing lights and electric shock used on babies to condition their likes and dislikes

Nine Years' War: the war that enabled the Ten World Controllers to take over power

orgy-porgy: a chant and dance from a Solidarity Service; sexual in nature

phosphorus recovery: the process in which phosphorus is recovered from cremated bodies to be used in fertilizer

pneumatic: "air filled" or well-endowed

Podsnap's technique: a process of ripening thousands of eggs at the same time so that they can be born when needed

pregnancy substitute: an injection that tricks the body into thinking it is pregnant, controlling hormones

Savage Reservation: a dumping ground for savages, or people who were naturally born

Solidarity Service: a religious service with a strong sexual content

soma: a legal drug without side- or after-effects; makes people "happy" when needed

soma holiday: to be drugged up with soma for a long period of time

viviparous: bearing live young rather than eggs

THE CASTE SYSTEM

Alphas: top of the caste system; top intellects; tall; wear grey (very few Alphas; all are men)

Betas: managers; above average intelligence; wear blues, reds and mulberry

Gammas: workers; low intelligence; wear green

Deltas: low workers; very low intelligence; wear khaki

Epsilon: near brainless workers; short; wear black