Vocabulary Word List

**Brave New World**

**Vocabulary words**

disparity prescience mercenary eugenics

ambivalent viscosity sibilant imperative

maudlin surreptitious pneumatic indignant

imperious furtive queue contemptuous

waylay plaintive caste sententious

**Political Terms**

plutocracy Marxism Nazism proletariat

Modernism Communism Socialism mass production

consumerism Malthusian propaganda totalitarianism

**Historical Figures**

Karl Marx Henry Ford Sigmund Freud Leon Trotsky

Ivan Pavlov Thomas Malthus Le Corbusier Vladimir Lenin

**Brave New World Lexicon**

Feelies: movies that reach the viewer’s sense of touch as well as sight and hearing.

Soma: a drug that dulls the passions and understandings of the people and creates a false sense of happiness. It is frequently consumed to escape reality, mainly in the form of tablets. For the state, it serves as a tool of preserving social stability

Bokanovsky’s Process: a process by which a human egg has its normal development arrested. It starts to bud and produces many identical eggs

Podsnap’s Technique: a process resulting in speeding up the ripening of embryos artificially

Hypnopaedia: sleep-teaching to inculcate prejudices into the subconscious of the sleeper

Pregnancy Substitute: this medical procedure allows utopian women to experience the psychological benefits of childbirth without actually undergoing it.

T-Model: the Utopian equivalent of a religious symbol, meant to be a play upon the Christian cross; it honors Ford, the founder of this utopian society and alludes to Henry Ford and the model-T.