

## ***Brave New World* Research Paper**

Huxley wrote *Brave New World* in the 1930s, a time when many were dissatisfied with existing governments. Dystopias are often written as a type of warning as to what could happen if current trends continue. Now that we have entered into the new millennium, some of Huxley's fantasies are possibilities. Are we headed in the direction of a World State?

Select one of the topics below to research. Focus on both the negative and positive effects your topic has on the world. Compare and contrast the topic you chose to *Brave New World*. Discuss whether or not you believe we are headed in the direction of the World State, and the positive and negative consequences. Finally, explain what solutions you believe may be possible for your particular topic as we start the new century.

### **Topics**

1. Censorship: Literature, Media, Music.
2. Sex Education, Multiple Births, and Fertility Drugs.
3. Population Growth and Its Consequences.
4. John Stuart Mill and Utilitarianism (The end justifies the means)
5. Ford and the psychological effects of the Assembly Line.
6. Unemployment and Welfare: How do we ensure work for all?
7. State/Federal Control of Education (Conditioning).
8. Legalization of Marijuana (Soma?).
9. The United Nations vs. The World State.
10. Contemporary Zuni Culture vs. The Savages.
11. Built-in Obsolescence (Products designed to break after x amount of time).
12. Stem Cell Research.
13. Poverty and Its Causes.
14. Advancements in Film Technology since the 30s (The "feelies").
15. Moral Education: How are people taught what is right and wrong?

### **Requirements**

1. 1000-1200 words (4-5 pages, double-spaced).
2. Works Cited page with **at least three sources**.
  - a. One must be a book, one must be a database.
  - b. Credible academic sources (ie. NOT Wikipedia, chat forums, etc.)
  - c. Follow MLA style guidelines.

### **Important Dates** (Subject to change)

Outline sheet - Tuesday, Nov.12<sup>th</sup>

Rough draft - Thursday, Nov.14<sup>th</sup>

Final paper - Wednesday, Nov.20<sup>th</sup>