

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

Activity: Comprehension Questions

Text 1

1. Reading for gist

In the text, a group of students are being shown around the Infant Nurseries in the Conditioning Centre where children are created and conditioned.

- a. What are the infants doing?
- b. What lesson are the infants having and how it is taught to them?

2. Understanding content

The babies are being conditioned into their future class and role in society.

- a. Which class will the babies belong to?
- b. Which other classes are there?
- c. What aspect of normal human behaviour and relationships does this kind of teaching aim to eliminate?
- d. The motto of the new society is "Community Identity and Stability": do you agree with it?
- e. What do the names given to the group suggest about their members?

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Text 2

In the text the Controller states that the new world has eliminated a number of 'inconveniences'.

Read the text and answer the following questions:

1. What are the inconveniences?
2. How does the Savage respond to the Controller's list of inconveniences?
3. Summarise the two opposing viewpoints of the characters