While reading 

Chapters 1–3

1 Explain the significance of these numbers in the chapter.
   a 632  
   b 37 degrees  
   c 5 groups  
   d 36 hours  
   e 72, 96  
   f 267  
   g 4.50 p.m.  
   h 250

2 ‘That is the secret of happiness and virtue – liking what you’ve got to do. All our conditioning aims at that: making people like their unavoidable place in society.’
   a Who says these words? Who to?
   b What is the speaker giving an explanation for here? Give one or two examples of what the speaker means.
   c Do you agree with this statement? Say why/why not.
   d Which would you rather be: an Alpha or an Epsilon embryo? Explain why.

3 Answer these questions.
   a What do we learn about Delta children in this chapter?
   b Why are the words ‘mother’ and ‘father’ considered ‘dirty words’?
   c What is the principle of sleep teaching?
   d What are Beta children told about other groups?
   e What are the titles of the two lessons that the Beta children are given that afternoon?

4 Write the sleep instruction that you imagine might be given to:
   a Alpha children  
   b Epsilon children

5 Describe the relationships between Lenina Crowne and the following people.
   a Fanny Crowne  
   b Henry Foster  
   c the Director  
   d Bernard Marx

6 Answer these questions.
   a Who mentions a ‘Savage Reservation’? What do you think a Savage Reservation could be?
   b Who would you prefer to have as a friend, Lenina or Fanny? Say why.

Chapters 4–6

7 Complete these sentences.
   a Bernard feels unhappy about Lenina because  
   b Bernard feels different from other Alpha Pluses because  
   c Helmholtz Watson and Bernard are friends because  
   d Helmholtz feels lonely because  
   e Helmholtz feels unhappy about his work because  
   f Helmholtz feels rather ashamed for his friend Bernard because 

8 Some of these sentences are wrong. Correct them.
   a In the society of Brave New World, people are buried after their death.
   b The crematorium chimneys have platforms around them so that people can inspect the chimneys.
   c Lenina has less respect for the lower levels of society than Henry does.
   d Bernard finds Morgana Rothschild attractive because of her eyebrows.
   e In the Unity Service, twelve Alpha people meet and discuss politics.
   f Bernard feels even more lonely after the Unity Service.

9 Answer these questions.
   a What do you think ‘soma’ is?
   b What is the purpose of the Unity Service, do you think?
   c Would you like to take part in a Unity Service? Say why/why not.
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Chapter 10–13
14 Describe the attitudes that the following characters have towards soma and how they use (or do not use) it.
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   e Helmholtz when John reads him Romeo and Juliet.

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   c Lenina leaves the bathroom.
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   f Lenina takes off all her clothes.
   g Henry asks Lenina if she is ill.

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Chapters 7–9
11 Lenina is shocked and horrified by what she sees in the Savage Reservation. Explain why.

12 Linda is different from the Indians on the Reservation. Write about the following.
   a What she does that angers the Indians and makes them feel that she is not as good as them.
   b What the Indians do to show their anger to Linda and John.

13 Answer these questions.
   a John has read The Complete Works of Shakespeare. What do you know about Shakespeare? What effect do you think Shakespeare’s plays have had on him?
   b Why do you think Bernard wants to take Linda and John back to London?

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Chapters 14–17
19 Which of the adjectives below would you use to describe the following characters in this chapter: The Savage / Helmholtz / Bernard / the Deltas? Give reasons for your opinion.
   a courageous
   b stupid
   c cowardly

20 How does Mond say he will punish Bernard and Helmholtz? What are their reactions and what do their reactions show about them?
1 Are these sentences right or wrong? Correct the wrong ones.
   a The Bokanovsky process is used to create only Alphas.
   b In *Brave New World*, there are several social classes named after Greek letters.
   c Epsilons are unhappy because they think they are not intelligent or useful to society.
   d The motto of the World State is Community, Identity, Stability.
   e The World Controller, Mustapha Mond, takes students on a tour of the laboratory where people are made according to the needs of society.

2 Which of these sentences are about Bernard Marx and which about Helmholtz Watson? Write B or H after each.
   a He is fond of Lenina but feels shy in front of her.
   b He is an Alpha, but he is rather short compared to other members of his group.
   c He is extremely intelligent, perhaps too much for the social order.
   d He is planning a trip to the Reservation.
   e He wishes his friend were more proud of himself.
   f He is very popular among women.
   g He attends a Unity Service, where he has soma and praises the Greater Being.
   h He would rather have some privacy to enjoy the landscape than play games like Obstacle Golf.
   i He feels his writings are obvious in spite of the clever phrases, about unimportant matters.
   j He sometimes talks rudely to members of a lower class to appear in command.

   a Linda gets lost and ends up in Malpais, where she has a hard time getting used to the local way of life.
   b They meet Linda, who is very happy to see civilized people again and tells them her story in the Reservation.
   c They attend a dance and Lenina can hardly stand what she sees without her soma.
   d Linda dates the Director and they travel to the Reservation together.
   e Lenina and Bernard arrive at the Reservation.

4 Choose the correct answer.
   a John objected to the treatment offered to Linda, which put her on a permanent soma holiday because ….. 
     1) she did not talk to him.
     2) he thought it was not right.
     3) the doctors were not sure she was not in pain.
   b Mustapha Mond is upset when he reads Bernard’s report about the Savage because ….. 
     1) the report did not have any new information.
     2) Bernard tried to tell him what to do.
     3) the report did not include the word Mother.
   c John refused to have physical contact with Lenina because ….. 
     1) he believed in the old laws of respect and love.
     2) he was not attracted to her.
     3) she said the film was lovely but he disagreed.
   d Right after Linda died, John began throwing soma out of the hospital window, …..
     1) so as to free the workers from a false happiness.
     2) to show the children that death was a serious matter.
     3) in spite of Helmholtz’s efforts to stop him.
   e Mustapha Mond explained to John that he had to forbid high art because ….. 
     1) he preferred to keep religion.
     2) it is old and there is no room for old things in the new world.
     3) people would be unhappy if they read *Othello*.

5 Answer these questions.
   a Why didn’t Mond go to the islands?
   b Where are Bernard and Helmholtz sent after the incident at the hospital?
   c Where does John go thinking that he will be left alone?
   d Who comes after him?
   e How does John die?