

**Brave New World** Ideas in Opposition

Use this chapter map and chart to explore how Huxley presents opposing values in *Brave New World*.

Think about each pair of conflicting values listed in the chart. In the second column, describe the values of the World State. In the third column, describe the values of the Savage Reservation. In the last column, describe what happens when the two sets of values come into direct conflict. Note the chapters in which you found evidence to support your ideas.

After you complete the chart, write a short essay that analyzes how the author uses value conflicts to create personal conflicts in the plot of the novel. Cite supporting evidence from the chapters you noted in the chart.



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Values	World State Values	Savage Reservation Values	Conflicts in Values
State control versus individual autonomy and responsibility	-state control of every aspect of human life, from inception to death -caste prejudices reinforced by hypnopaedia (chapters 1 to 3)	The World State fences in the Savage Reservation, but within the Reservation, people are judged for their own actions, as when Linda is ostracized for her promiscuity. (chapters 7 and 8)	The Director suffers public humiliation because he is an actual biological father. This shows that the society does hold individuals responsible for their own actions. (chapter 10)

Happiness versus suffering			
Quality of life versus quality of death			
Cultural conformity versus independent thinking			

RL.11-12.2 Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.11-12.3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

W.11-12.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.