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Dear Honors 12 English Students,

THESE ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

You are responsible for obtaining copies of both *1984* and *Brave New World*. Please read both novels over the course of the summer and accomplish the following tasks:

1984 This novel is divided into three sections. After each section, write a response to what you have read, thinking about the section in any of the following ways:

- Raise a question about the section of the text. State your question at the beginning of your response. Answer your question and reflect on why you raised it in the first place.
- Delight in some imagery or use of language. Give specific references and examples.
- Cite a noteworthy or intriguing passage and reflect on it.
- Connect the section to another previously studied work or real-life situation. Be specific and use details.
- React on an emotional level: record appreciation, frustration, wonder, confusion, disappointment, understanding, surprise, etc. Again, be specific.
 - You must respond differently for each section. You may use notebook paper or a journal for your responses. Do not type your responses. They are to be neatly hand-written. I cannot grade what I cannot read. I expect each response to be at least one page in length and to include details and elements from the text to support your response. After you have finished the novel and reflections/responses, search on-line for an article that connects to the novel. Think about the issues raised in *1984* and how some of those issues relate to our world today. Prepare a summary of your selected article and make the connection to the novel. Include a copy of the article with your summary. Select your article carefully because you will be using it later.

Brave New World

- I. Chapters 1-7 (Section I)
- II. Chapters 8-12 (Section II)
- III. Chapters 13-18 (Section III)

Follow the same guidelines for *1984*, writing a response/reflection after each section. Also accomplish the following task:

- After you have finished the novel and reflections/responses, search on-line for an article that connects to the novel. Think about the issues raised in *Brave New World* and how some of those issues relate to our world today. Prepare a summary of your selected article and make the connection to the novel. Include a copy of the article with your summary. Select your article carefully because you will be using it later.

Do not include any plot summary for any of your reflections or responses. Plot summary will earn zero credit.

Final Notes:

- You should have two sets of responses, two article summaries, and two different articles.
- I will expect all work to ready to hand in on the first day of school. Each day your work is late, you will drop one full letter grade.
- You will be tested over both novels during the first eight days of school.
- Feel free to contact me through my school email account if you have any questions or comments.

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