

**PINE VIEW SCHOOL
SUMMER READING 2014-2015
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 12**

ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS:

Assigned Reading: Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

SUMMER READING GUIDELINES:

- I. Read carefully.
- II. Relax and enjoy the book.
- III. Annotate (writes lots of notes in) the text regarding the main characters, the plot, interesting words, phrases or passages and the important themes. These annotations will be checked by the instructor during the first week of class.
- IV. Trust yourself. Do not use secondary sources such as Mr. Cliff or Barron's. They are often incorrect or misleading, and they will not prepare you for the assessments you will be given. Most importantly, secondary sources rob students of the joy of discovery and skew interpretive skills.
- V. Come prepared with questions about the narrative and its meaning.

Questions to think about:

- a. What is the novel satirizing?
- b. What is Huxley saying about humanity, relationships and science?
- c. How accurate were Huxley's predictions?
- d. How relevant is this novel today?
- e. How many allusions, especially to Shakespeare's plays, can you find?
- f. Are you satisfied with the conclusion? Explain why or how you would change it.

You will be expected to take a quiz or other assessment on the main selection the first day or two of school at the teacher's discretion. Do not become overly anxious about this. The purpose of the assessment is to emphasize the importance of close reading to promote class follow-up and discussion.

You will not be assessed on the other books recommended for summer reading.

FOR GRADE 12 DE and AP: Additional recommended readings: Brave New World Revisited and other books by Aldous Huxley, William Golding, or British authors.