

***Brave New World***  
**Anticipation Guide**

Rate the following statements before you read the novel. Explain your rating in complete sentences. Then as a class, we will discuss the statements and ratings.

**\*\* Scale 1 (strongly agree) – 2 (agree) – 3 (middle ground) – 4 (disagree) – 5 (strongly disagree) \*\***

1. Human beings in the 21<sup>st</sup> century have only two choices: insanity or lunacy.
2. Scientific progress is the only route to improving quality of life.
3. Social stability should be the number one goal of a country's leaders.
4. Art is incompatible with happiness.
5. Beauty is incompatible with science.
6. Sometimes what seems like a punishment can turn out to be a reward.
7. Seeking truth can only make you unhappy because you can never find it.
8. Life is "a tale told by an idiot, signifying . . . nothing."
9. Modern production techniques reduce the dignity of factory workers.

10. Progress should never be halted.

11. A society that encourages everyone to produce and consume as much as possible cannot help but succeed.

12. We are not our own masters.

13. Fear of death and the hereafter are what cause most people to adopt religious beliefs.

14. A civilized society has no need of heroes.

15. Everyone has the right to be unhappy if he/she chooses.