

## **Brave New World**

### Quotes and Notes

Example

#### Chapter 1

#### **What ethical issues are involved in creating, lengthening, and improving life?**

The sanctity of life issue arises in chapter one. People aren't born the natural way; they are created or cloned in batches of 96. As the scientists of this world perfected the Bokanovsky process, several trial and error experiments were probably done. The ethical question of where life begins didn't seem to bother these scientists. Henry Foster explains that they deprive embryos of oxygen to create lower class citizens to do lower class work. Some of the experiments went bad and created "eyeless" babies. He isn't concerned that they created "monsters," rather that these people are useless to society. When stating to the students that he had to put in overtime after the earthquake, he isn't concerned that people died, but instead jokes about having to put in overtime to get the population numbers up in Japan. The ethical issue over the sanctity of life doesn't seem to concern the people of the Brave New World.

**"The lower the caste," said Mr. Foster, "the shorter the oxygen." The first organ affected was the brain. After that the skeleton. At seventy per cent of normal oxygen you got dwarfs. At less than seventy eyeless monsters. "Who are no use at all," concluded Mr. Foster. Page 14**

**"If you knew the amount of overtime I had to put in after the last Japanese earthquake!" he laughed good humouredly and shook his head. Page 10**