

Connections in the News - *Brave New World* was first published in 1932, and is considered one of the first examples of science fiction. Today, however, many of its “fantastic” ideas and concepts have become reality.

- Identify a fairly recent topic, subject or issue to explore on a deeper level, especially as it compares or contrasts with *Brave New World*, then look for a current article about it. To find an article: Go to (your school’s library website here.). Click on the SIRS or Gale Infotrac link.
- You will be required to summarize the author’s point of view on the topic and then examine the book as well as your observations, experiences, and/or readings in response to it.
- Your essay will be 3 parts, in the following format:
 - Paragraph 1 – Summary of article: state author’s point of view (if persuasive) or main idea if informative, and conclude with your thesis (the point you want to prove about the topic).
 - Body paragraphs – Compare or/or contrast the topic to *Brave New World*. You must use at least 2 plot details as specific examples. How does the book address what the topic is about?
 - Last paragraph – your response or reaction to the information presented in the article (can use “I” in this part); include personal examples or connections of your own, if appropriate, or make a universal observation about how it applies to the world around you.

test tube births
gender selection
in vitro fertilization
birth control methods
cloning
destiny v. free will
castes/social class
genetic testing
current propaganda
censorship
banned books
cremation
death rituals

psychological drug use
psychedelic/hallucinogenic drugs
aphrodisiacs
monogamy
mob mentality
consumerism
religion
religious fanatics/cults
gender roles/sexual standards
non-traditional methods of education

Your article must be from 2000 or later.