

VOCABULARY - *Brave New World*

Chapters 1 - 3 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. ... spoke first, of course, of its surgical introduction . . . passed on to a consideration of optimum temperature

2. But a bokanovskified egg will bud, will proliferate, will divide.

3. By which time the original egg was in a fair way to becoming anything from eight to ninety-six embryos--a prodigious improvement

4. Later on their minds would be made to endorse the judgement of their bodies.

5. "Very well then." The Director smiled indulgently. "Just one glance."

6. "Silence, silence," the trumpet mouths indefatigably repeated at intervals down every corridor.

7. Family, monogamy, romance. Everywhere exclusiveness, a narrowing channeling of impulse and energy.

8. The students nodded, emphatically agreeing with a statement which upwards of sixty-two thousand repetitions in the dark had made them accept, not merely as true, but as axiomatic, self-evident, utterly indisputable.

9. Has any of you ever encountered an insurmountable obstacle?

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Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 1. optimum | A. as if doing one a favor |
| ___ 2. proliferate | B. practice of being married to only one person at a time |
| ___ 3. prodigious | C. impossible to overcome |
| ___ 4. endorse | D. most favorable point |
| ___ 5. indulgently | E. gave approval of or support to |
| ___ 6. indefatigably | F. tirelessly |
| ___ 7. monogamy | G. multiply rapidly |
| ___ 8. axiomatic | H. impressively great |
| ___ 9. insurmountable | I. self evident; not needing proof |