

Brave New World: Excerpt and *SCIENTISTS CLONE HUMAN EMBRYOS TO MAKE STEM CELLS*
Socratic Seminar Questions

As you read, answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper (typed or handwritten).

Keep in mind: Socratic Seminars are not debates; they are forums for discussion. This is a chance for you to delve more deeply into the issues and thoughts that you encounter while reading. The idea is to build upon each other's thoughts and comments in order to gain a greater individual understanding of, not only the text, but also the themes and ideas within the work.

When writing down your responses to the questions, they MUST be formatted in this way:

Question #1: (don't rewrite the entire question!)

Response: blah, blah, blahdy blah blah

Textual Evidence: Page 38 "Blah blah blahdy blah blah."

1. Does the idea of human beings genetically modifying other organisms concern you? What might be some pros and cons of developing cloning technology? (this answer will be half opinion-based, and half evidence from the excerpt and article. Opinion AND evidence must be used when answering.)
2. While scientific progress excites many, plenty of people are fearful about possible negative effects of such advancements. In the context of this article and the excerpt from *Brave New World*, what should the future look like? Is this future (our possible future) utopian or dystopian?
3. Connect this novel excerpt and article to your summer reading, *American Dystopia*, and *A Sound of Thunder*, and *The Most Dangerous Game*. What key elements do they all share? What possible theme could connect **ALL** of these texts?