Brave New World: Chapter 9 & 10

I. Vocabulary: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel or class discussions. Also, be prepared to be quizzed on these words.

eminence: high status

portentous: trying to seem very serious and important, in order to impress people

heretical: characterized by straying away from accepted beliefs or standards of behaving

ignominy: great shame, disgrace, humiliation

coquettish: flirtatious

grimace: pained expression

scatological: having to do with excrement and excretory functions

impropriety: behavior that is not socially acceptable

II. Questions: answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.

1. What did Lenina do right when she got home?

2. Who did Bernard race to call?

3. What does John do when he realizes that Lenina’s suitcase is still in the house?

4. What thought does John have that he finds detestable?

5. What interrupts John?

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6. What does the Director plan on doing with Bernard?

7. What is worse than murder to the Director, and what reason does he give?

8. What does the Director say in his speech about Bernard?

9. What does Bernard do in response to the Director?

10. What word does John use that causes extreme laughter from everyone?