Chapter 16 and 17 debate activity

Part 1: Directions: In chapter 16 and 17, John Savage and Mustapha Mond argue about the utility and morality of the civilized world. Their arguments are, in many ways, the explicit discussion of themes which are played out in the rest of the novel through plot, character, and structure. In this activity, I want you to outline their arguments.

1. Topic 1: Literature, such as Shakespeare and the Feelies

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| John Savage | Mustapha Mond |
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1. Topic 2: The Bokanovsky Groups

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| John Savage | Mustapha Mond |
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1. Topic 3: God

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| John Savage | Mustapha Mond |
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1. Topic 4: Happiness

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| John Savage | Mustapha Mond |
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1. Topic 5: Degradation

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| John Savage | Mustapha Mond |
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**Part 2:** The controller offers a great explanation of the world, arguing a strong case. He also makes many controversial statements, some of which John Savage argues with, some of which he does not. Choose 5 of the most interesting quotes in chapters 16 and 17 and respond to them. Feel free to either argue with the controller or to agree with him.

Quote 1:

Response:

Quote 2:

Response:

Quote 3:

Response:

Quote 4:

Response:

Quote 5:

Response:

Part 3: Respond to this quote from Neil Postman: “A book is an attempt to make thought permanent and to contribute to the great conversation conducted by authors of the past. […] The television is suited only to the flashing of messages, each to be quickly replaced by a more up-to-date message. Facts push other facts into and then out of consciousness at speeds that neither permit nor require evaluation. (70)”