Mrs. Kosiba

APE Language

Summer Assignment 2012

Reading and Essay

1. You **MUST** read George Orwell’s novel *1984* **and** Aldous Huxley’s *Brave New World.*
2. Write a persuasive essay addressing **one** of the following prompts:
   1. Many of the political issues presented in *1984* and *Brave New World* plague America today. (Consider policies related to law making, freedom of speech, and discrimination issues.) Develop a position on whether you agree or disagree with the prompt and support with details/information from the novels.

**OR**

1. There are technological advances addressed in *1984* and *Brave New World* that continue to have ethical implications today. (Consider television, computer use, etc.) Develop a position on whether you agree or disagree with the prompt and support with details/information from the novels.

**OR**

1. Consider dystopian life in both the World State and Oceania, and, taking a position, prove if it does or does not correlate with life in the United States today. Use support from both novels when you address this prompt.

**Requirements**

* Your essay should consist of 2-3 typed pages, including a detailed introduction with thesis that specifically takes a position and an appropriate conclusion.
* Body paragraphs contain sufficient support, including at least two quotes per novel with corresponding and properly MLA cited page numbers.
* Writer uses vocabulary appropriate to formal writing.
* Paper is typed, Times New Roman size 12, double-spaced, spell-checked and virtually free of basic grammar errors. No extra spaces between paragraphs.
* **Due Date**: This paper is due on the first day of school in the fall—**Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the beginning of class**.Late papers will be penalized with a loss of responsibility points the first week, and will receive half-credit afterwards.
* Also, do not plagiarize! In the past, there have been APE students who try to get away with “borrowing” someone else’s work and have paid heavy penalties for such action – zero for assignment, must re-do only for half-credit, zero responsibility points, and removal from National Honor Society. Plagiarizing is cheating! Just Don’t Do It!