



SUMMER READING LIST | **Incoming 11th Grade**

Summer Reading 2023 Mr. Preston

Book- *Strange New World* by Carl Truman: Copyright 2022, Crossway Publishing

Assignment:

1. Read the book and complete a 2-3 page summary and evaluation of the book
2. Each student will complete a typed response to the questions of the chapter in which they are assigned:
3. Read through I and II Peter

Chapter 1:

Welcome To This Strange New World : (Emily, Eva)

1. How has the world around you shaped your beliefs and opinions?
2. What differences in attitudes and beliefs have you noticed between the generations in your family?
3. What is expressive individualism? How do you recognize it in yourself?

Chapter 2: Romantic Roots: (Preston, Anna)

1. In what ways might you be an expressive individualist?
2. How do you see original sin in the world today?
3. How do the Psalms and Paul's inward reflection differ from expressive individualism?
4. How is Wordsworth's "idiot boy" representative of expressive individualism?

Chapter 3: Prometheus Unbound (Betsey, Katie)

1. How might a Christian respond to Marx's idea of alienation?
2. What can we learn from Nietzsche's Madman?
3. How is Oscar Wilde a harbinger of our present age?

Chapter 4: Sexualizing Psychology, Politicizing Sex (Ava, Kaia)

1. When and how did sex become political?



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2. What is the difference between tolerance and recognition?
3. What do you think defines morality for most people today?
4. In what ways does personal taste shape our morals?

Chapter 5: The Revolt of the Masses (Luna, Breiden)

1. What effect did the advent of the birth control pill have on the sexual revolution?
2. Which traditional external anchor of identity do you feel is most significantly under attack: religion, family, or nation
3. How has the presentation of families in pop culture entertainment served to undermine their traditional authority?

Chapter 6: Plastic People, Liquid World (Rachel, Vincent)

1. Where have you seen yourself acting as an expressive individual in your life?
2. What shared narrative or culture do you try to cultivate in your family?
3. What community do you find yourself putting your identity in?
4. In what ways are our current times unprecedented? In what ways are they not?
5. In what ways has the expansion of the internet altered modern communities?

Chapter 7: The Sexual Revolution of the LGBTQ+ (Thor, Kaeden)

1. How will you stand in your belief system?
2. What are the implications of trans ideology for biological females in the public square? What about for males?
3. In what ways do traditional gender norms create a flourishing society?
4. Discuss the potential negative impacts on children in a society filled with gender confusion and trans ideology. How will their identities, mental health, and perspective on life be affected

Chapter 8: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness EJ, Cohen)

1. In what areas of life may you have been tempted to think in utilitarian ways, and what aspects of our culture cause that temptation?
2. What important aspects of history as we know it do we stand to lose by allowing expressive individualism to reconstruct the canon?



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3. How could you be canceled in today's culture?

Chapter 9: Strangers in This Strange New World (Olivia, Cherisse, AJ)

1. How have you become complicit in today's expressive individualistic Culture?
2. What do you think are the benefits and challenges of having so many denominations within the Protestant Church?
3. How has this book changed how you view specific hot topics in today's culture?