Discussion Questions for Small Group Video Chat #3: “The Era” and *Gattaca*

**ENL Philosophical Questions**:

1. How does Huxley show through BNW that giving people more freedom and less authority will degrade them? Do people in BNW truly have freedom? What role does conditioning play into this? Are the people capable of unorthodox thought or action?
   1. Specifically talk about the end of the novel.
2. How emotionally or intellectually satisfying did you find the conclusion of the novel? How is or isn’t John the savage a Tragic Hero?
3. Is BNW a good book? Is it important? Is it a good dystopia?
4. What is the right to be unhappy? How important is that right? What is true happiness? Do people have it?
5. **Is Mustapha Mond’s description of BNW as a utopia convincing? Why?** 
   1. **To what extent is Mustapha Mond like O’Brien from 1984?**
6. **What dystopian model is most prevalent in America? (Think about the extra reading this week, BLM Protests, and 1984).**
   1. **What ultimate injustices in the American way of life should the class of 2020 tackle? How?**
7. **Talk about the ideas in “amusing ourselves” to death and “Happiness”.**