Oryx and Crake – Chapter 5-6 (Subchapters *Toast* to *Pixieland Jazz*, inclusive)

Read the questions first, and then complete the readings. Some, but not all, questions are in chronological order, while others require a larger understanding of the complete section.

ALL MEMBERS should be contributing to EVERY question in some way. Dividing up the questions to do individually runs contrary to the nature of the assignment and will not be considered as an authentic reflection of student ability.

- 1. The end of the subchapter *Toast* shows us how our language is a reflection of the complexity of our society. Give another example of a saying, or *idiom*, and explain how that reveals the complexity of our world?
- 2. In the subchapter *Fish*, what is your interpretation of the creation story Snowman tells? How would you compare or contrast Crake's relationship to the Crakers versus Snowman's relationship to them? What do you think Oryx's relationship to the Crakers might be?
- 3. Create an infographic on sex trafficking. The type of information you provide is up to you, but it should be focused on one topic in some way. Possible topics include:
 - What does sex trafficking entail?
 - Who are the victims? (age, gender, nationality)
 - Who are the perpetrators?
 - Which countries are affected and how?
 - How prevalent is sex trafficking in North America?
 - Preventative measures and campaigns

Your infographic can be as simple as one or two Google Slides, or you can experiment with a web tool like "Canva". Don't put yourself out, though. Shoot for at least 4 facts on your chosen topic and don't forget to cite your information from a credible source.

- 4. Summarize Oryx's story in at least 10 quotations (you can team up if you are in a group).
 - a. Find at least three quotations that reflect Jimmy's reaction to Oryx's story and explain what they represent.
 - b. Find at least three quotations that reflect how Oryx thinks back on her life, and explain what they represent.
 - c. Why are these two character's reactions different?
 - d. Based on what you know of Crake, how do you think he would react to the story of Oryx?
- 5. By now, you should be able to see some themes emerging from the novel. Choose THREE possible themes you can detect, and explain how those themes feature in the story so far. Try to use quotations or specific examples from the book to justify your explanation.