

Anticipation Guide for *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck

Name _____ Date _____

Before reading: In the space to the left of each statement, place a check mark (✓) if you agree or think the statement is true.

- ___ 1. Believing that an unhappy situation is only temporary makes it more bearable.
- ___ 2. Feeling responsible for someone can be a burden.
- ___ 3. Men will not allow their friends to become burdens.
- ___ 4. Women need friends more than men do.
- ___ 5. It is more acceptable for women to love their female friends than it is for men to love their male friends.
- ___ 6. Of the many feelings that hurt – grief, anger, resentment, jealousy, loneliness – loneliness hurts the most.
- ___ 7. If a person has a dream to cling to, s/he can survive against the odds.
- ___ 8. To feel need is basic to human nature.
- ___ 9. Society cannot defeat us; a flaw within our own personality can.
- ___ 10. Dreaming is for dreamers, and dreamers go nowhere. Be real.
- ___ 11. There are times when euthanasia (mercy killing) can be justified.

Explain Why...

- ❖ Pick any statement that you checked above and explain WHY you support that idea, belief or statement. Your explanation should be 3 to 5 sentences.