

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.

During or after reading: Add new check marks or cross through those about which you have changed your mind. Keep in mind that this is not like the traditional “worksheet.” You may have to put on your thinking caps and “read between the lines.” Use the space under each statement to note the pages where you are finding information to support your thinking.

___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.