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The Outsiders Anticipation Guide

Directions: For each of the following statements, mark an X beside *Agree* or *Disagree*. After deciding your position, explain your reasons for your decision in one to two complete sentences for each. Repeat this process at the end of the unit to see how your thinking has changed.

Statement 1: Young people have very different coming-of-age experiences depending on their background, relationships, and social contexts.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		
Statement 2: The choices we make and how we express ourselves can deeply influence who we become.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		

Statement 3: Belonging, understanding, and acceptance can transform a person's sense of self.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		
Statement 4: Adults often misunderstand or underestimate the struggles young people go through.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		
Statement 5: A person's social class or neighborhood can shape how others treat them and how they see themselves.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		

Statement 6: Loyalty to your friends is more important than following rules or authority.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		
Statement 7: People sometimes need to make difficult choices—even ones that go against their values—in order to belong or survive.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		
Statement 8: Boys are often pressured to hide their emotions and "stay tough," but this can be harmful and stop them from being their true selves.					
Before reading . . .	Agree	Disagree	After reading . . .	Agree	Disagree
Response:			Response:		

Statement 9: Everyone has felt like an outsider at one time or another.

Before reading . . .

Agree

Disagree

After reading . . .

Agree

Disagree

Response:

Response:

Statement 10: Taking the time to understand someone who seems different from you can reveal how much you actually have in common.

Before reading . . .

Agree

Disagree

After reading . . .

Agree

Disagree

Response:

Response: