

Prereading: Anticipation Guide

Directions: You will be reading *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, a historical fiction novel about a black family's experiences during the 1930s in rural Mississippi. In addition to examining the literary qualities and merits of this novel, you will be exploring and discussing topics and issues concerning prejudice and its effects. Before reading the novel, you should examine your personal beliefs and feelings. Read the following statements; choose *agree* or *disagree*.

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| Agree | Disagree | 1. All people of all races are equal, as is stated by the Constitution. |
| Agree | Disagree | 2. If people are not happy, it is their own fault. |
| Agree | Disagree | 3. Blue-eyed blondes are the best looking people. |
| Agree | Disagree | 4. Sometimes people are justified in taking the law into their own hands and administering punishment if they feel they have been wronged. |
| Agree | Disagree | 5. Some races are better suited to manual labor than others. |
| Agree | Disagree | 6. It is best for minorities to cluster together in their own neighborhoods. |
| Agree | Disagree | 7. Most people will cheat if they can gain some advantage by doing so. |
| Agree | Disagree | 8. Every race and nationality should fight with any available means to achieve equal rights. |
| Agree | Disagree | 9. I would be uncomfortable if a person of a race different from mine sat next to me on a bus. |
| Agree | Disagree | 10. It is fine for a person to date someone of another race. |
| Agree | Disagree | 11. All schools should be integrated. |
| Agree | Disagree | 12. Racism is not a very serious problem in today's world. |
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