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Period \_\_\_\_\_

**Of Mice and Men**

**Anticipation/Reaction Guide**

Directions—Before reading the novel:

In the "Before Reading" column, write "yes" if you agree with the statement, "no" if you disagree with the statement, and "?" if you don't have a strong opinion about the statement.

Yes = I agree

No = I disagree

? = I don't know

Before Reading	Statement	After Reading
	1) Having friends fulfills our basic human needs.	
	2) Mentally impaired people are worthless, and cannot function like "regular" people.	
	3) People who are strong know their strength, and how much they can hurt other people if they wanted to.	
	4) It is unnatural for people to have an attachment to, or feelings for, an animal.	
	5) The purpose of life is to strive for, and eventually reach, our goals and dreams.	
	6) Killing another human being is intolerable, and should be punished.	
	7) Running away from a crime is never acceptable.	

After completing the "Before Reading" column, get into small groups, then tally the number of "yes", "no" and "?" responses for each question.

Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement #	Yes	No	I Don't Know
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
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Once you have collected your data, discuss those issues about which your group was divided. Make your case for your opinions, and pay attention to your classmates' arguments. Once you have discussed all of the issues, answer the questions on the next page.

*\*Your teacher will collect and keep your chart and responses to use after you have finished reading the novel.\**