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Anticipation Guide for Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

Using your knowledge and understanding of the world around you, circle the response that best matches your reaction to each statement. We will revisit this activity during and after our reading of the novel. Then, select the five statements that most strongly have an opinion about and write 3-4 sentences justifying your position.

1. Insanity is a matter of perception.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

2. The most logical response to a crazy world is to act crazy.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

3. The best way to be successful is to conform to society's rules and expectations.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

4. It's important to be true to yourself and rebel against all injustices.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

5. Society's institutions make its citizens into machine-like drones.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

6. It is better to be safe with no freedom than be free and living in a state of danger.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

7. In difficult or dehumanizing circumstances, the best way to cope is to retreat into your own thoughts.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

8. Society views powerful women in as positive of a light as they view powerful men.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

9. Our self-worth is based largely on how others perceive us.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

10. Society oppresses those who are not like everyone else.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

11. Experts can be trusted to do the right thing and act with people's best interests in mind.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

12. Rules and discipline is necessary in most settings.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

13. Medication that numbs pain or disturbing thoughts is a good idea.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

14. Power, by its nature, is corruptive.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

15. All people are "crazy" to some extent.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

16. One person can change an established, stable environment.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

17. The military has a profound, usually negative effect on a person's psyche.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

18. Hate is inherent to human nature.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

19. The best place for people who have mental illnesses is in an institution.
Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree
20. Influencing other people is something everyone should try to do.
Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree
21. America forces men to act like, well, men.
Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree
22. Some people simply can/will never change.
Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree
23. Prostitutes are terrible people.
Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree
24. Monogamy is the BEST way to live.
Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree
25. Usually, the resolutions of conflicts help the majority of people.
Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

Justifications: