Anticipation Guide for *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck

*Before reading:* In the space to the left of each statement, place a check mark (√) if you agree or think the statement is true.

1. You can overcome unhappiness by your thoughts and actions.
2. You shouldn’t have to take care of someone that’s not a family member.
3. If a friend becomes an emotional burden, it’s ok to stop being their friend.
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. Loneliness is the most painful emotion you can have.
7. If you have a dream to cling to, you are more likely to beat the odds.
8. Everybody needs somebody.
9. Society cannot defeat us; a flaw within our own personality can.
10. Dreamers go nowhere in life. You should focus thoughts on reality.
11. There are times when euthanasia (mercy killing) can be justified.

**Explain Why...**

- Pick any statement that you checked above and explain WHY you support that idea, belief or statement. Your explanation should be 3 to 5 sentences.

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