

ANTICIPATION GUIDE: THE PURPOSE OF STORYTELLING

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

During or after reading: Add new check marks or cross through those about which you have changed your mind. Keep in mind that this is not like the traditional “worksheet.” You may have to put on your thinking-caps and “read between the lines.” Use the space under each statement to note the page, column, and paragraph(s) where you are finding information to support your thinking.

___ 1. Modern Americans can’t tell stories as well as earlier Americans of 100 or more years ago.

___ 2. In some parts of the world, where they don’t have books or TV, the only way to learn about the past is through stories.

___ 3. History is fiction; fiction is fact.

___ 4. By telling, listening, writing, or reading a story, a person improves her/his own ability to communicate with others.

___ 5. A vicarious experience is one that someone else had, but that I can understand and interpret.

___ 6. All stories are alike.

___ 7. Each story is different from all others.

___ 8. A character in a story might struggle with both external and internal conflicts.

___ 9. Anything a person reads in a story might be a foreshadowing of what is going to happen later in the story.

___ 10. Good storytellers keep you guessing.

