

Anticipation Guide for *Monster*

Directions: Before we begin reading, *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers, fill out this anticipation guide. These questions are to help you start thinking about some of the ideas expressed in the novel. Read each of the following statements and write whether it is true or false on the line. Briefly describe your reasoning in the space provided below the question. Think about each question carefully before answering. You will be graded based on completion and thought, rather than correctness.

1. In a court room, a person is always guilty until proven innocent _____
2. Racism and prejudice isn't a problem today _____
3. There are consequences to every decision we make _____
4. Monsters are imaginary creatures, usually large and frightening _____
5. Peer pressure is always negative _____
6. Discrimination can occur because of age _____
7. Jail is a place where only guilty people go _____
8. Personal stories are told in narrative form only _____
9. Writing in a journal is a good way to express feelings _____
10. People who commit crimes come from broken homes and dysfunctional families _____