

“Lamb to the Slaughter” Anticipation Guide

Directions:

1. Rate each of the following statements before we read the story. Take at least one minute to decide how you personally would rate each of the statements.
2. After reading the story, rate your opinion again. Did your ratings change at all?

1-----2-----3-----4
Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

	Before reading	After reading
People should accept their situation in life.		
People will often resort to desperate measures when there is no alternative.		
Most stories involving murder are predictable.		
When we feel betrayed, we can say or do things we regret later.		
Murder is never justified.		
When you tell a lie to help someone else, it is understandable.		

The Perfect Murder

What would be the ingredients of the “perfect murder?” Put the following ideas into order of importance. (1) being the least important and (10) being the most important.

- _____ It should be easy to arrange.
- _____ It should leave no clues.
- _____ There should be no noise.
- _____ It should look like a suicide.
- _____ It should take place in a lonely, isolated place.
- _____ It should be cheap.
- _____ No violence should be necessary.
- _____ It should look like an accident.
- _____ It should be quick.
- _____ The murderer should have a good alibi.

Explain your #1 and #10 choices.