

## Anticipation Guide for *House of Mango Street*

### Part I

AGREE (A) or DISAGREE (D) with each opinion statement below. 2 points each (1 for opinion, 1 for support of that opinion in at least one sentence).

1. I can tell a lot about a person by the house that he lives in.
2. I can tell a lot about a person by the neighborhood that she lives in.
3. Other people's judgments of me have had a major impact on my identity and my goals.
4. We can learn a lot about who we want and don't want to be by comparing ourselves to others.
5. In the U.S., girls (or women) face more challenges than boys (or men).
6. In the U.S., people of color face more challenges than White people.
7. In the U.S., poor people have fewer opportunities than middle-class people.
8. Teenagers have a hard time believing they are valued and accepted.
9. It is possible to grow up too fast.
10. A person's name is an important part of his/her identity.

### Part II

Now that you have given your opinions above, it is time to support one of them thoroughly. Choose one statement above. In at least one paragraph, explain why you agree or disagree. Write a minimum of 6 sentences. (More detail is better!) Remember to open with a clear thesis ("I agree/disagree with the statement that ..."), give examples to support it, and wrap up with a concluding sentence or clincher.

**6 points** - opens with thesis (agree or disagree with statement), gives and explains examples, closes with clincher.

**4 point** – one element of complete paragraph (thesis, examples, or clincher) missing

**2 points** – 2 elements missing OR response is too brief (fewer than 6 sentences), OR response is very disorganized or unclear, OR response does not respond to opinion statement.