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Pre-Reading Exercise – One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest

Read the statements below, and in the space provided (and on the back of this sheet) write if you *agree* or *disagree* with the statement, and then briefly tell why you agree or disagree.

1. Whenever someone does a good deed, there is usually an ulterior motive (self-interest) involved.
2. Mental illness can be cured just like any physical illness.
3. As a society, we always root for the underdog because we can identify with those who never succeed.
4. You will always succeed in life if you put your mind into it.
5. Using fear or embarrassment are effective tools for training someone to be obedient.
6. Conformity (doing what everybody else does) is important to keeping society together and preventing chaos.
7. Sometimes it is necessary to force someone to receive mental health treatment.
8. “Crazy” people are mostly just people who are different and do not normally fit into our society.
9. Authority should always be challenged when you think it is wrong.
10. A person should be euthanized (assisted suicide or mercy killing) only when there is no hope for a normal life (due to illness, injury, or disease).