Anticipation Guide

(Agree/Disagree Statements)

Task 1:

Before we start reading the novel, I would like mothers to discuss the following statements with their daughters and then let them choose whether they agree or disagree. Some mommies change some of the statements if they sound challenging for younger ones.   
  
***Note: I suggest buying them a new notebook dedicated to this novel, where they can write down these statements and save them to revisit and assess their understanding after they have finished reading it.***  
  
Before reading, read each statement below. Circle "AGREE" or "DISAGREE". Then, after reading the novel, come back and see if your opinion has changed.

* A family can still be happy even if they don’t have a lot of money. (Agree/Disagree)
* People should respect the traditions of their society. (Agree/Disagree)
* It is more important to be kind than to be successful. (Agree/Disagree)
* A woman’s life can have many goals, including marriage, family, or personal achievements. (Agree/Disagree)
* War affects families just as much as soldiers. (Agree/Disagree)
* Sisters (or close friends) always stay loyal to each other. (Agree/Disagree)

Pre-Reading Vocabulary & Word Prediction Activity

Task 2:

**Pre-Reading Vocabulary & Word Prediction Activity**

**Vocabulary Words:**  
Here are some words you will see in the book. Read them first.

* **March** (the family’s last name, not the month)
* **Genteel** (polite and refined, usually describing people with manners or money)
* **Domestic** (related to home life)
* **Ambition** (a strong desire to do or achieve something)
* **Poverty** (the state of having little money or resources)
* **Sacrifice** (to give up something for the sake of others)
* **Independence** (freedom to make your own choices)

**Task:**

1. Match each word with the correct meaning (worksheet style).
2. Write a sentence predicting how this word might appear in the story. For example:
   * Word: “Sacrifice” → Prediction: “Maybe one of the sisters has to give up something for her family.”