

## BLM 2 – Anticipation Guide for *The Absolutely True Diary...*

The purpose of this anticipation guide is to jumpstart your thinking about the big ideas, issues and themes you will be encountering in our upcoming novel study. For each statement, mark Agree or Disagree. Write 2-4 sentences explaining **why** you answered the way you did.

Statement	Agree	Disagree	Explanation
1. Pretending to be someone you're not makes you a weak person.			
2. Everyone has equal access to quality education, housing, and employment in Canada and the US.			
3. A person's responsibility to family and community is more important than personal goals.			
4. In order to be accepted by others you should cover up anything you are ashamed of.			
5. Anyone can raise themselves out of poverty if they have enough determination.			
6. Physical and mental differences or disabilities are accepted by most people.			
7. An alcoholic parent is a bad parent.			
8. Visible minorities have to work harder to be successful.			