

The Pearl by John Steinbeck Novel Anticipation Guide

“Have I nothing better to do than cure insect bites for ‘little Indians’? I am a doctor, not a veterinary.’ ... ‘Has he any money?’ the doctor demanded. ‘No, they never have any money. I, I alone in the world am supposed to work for nothing—and I’m tired of it. See if he has any money.’” John Steinbeck, *The Pearl*

These questions will help introduce you to the conflicts and topics you may confront in your reading. They are also designed to encourage you to think about these issues and to build expectancy for the novel.

Take a few minutes and complete the following Anticipation Guide. It simply consists of a few simple questions and a few opinion questions. Please answer in complete sentences.

1. Do you believe that people in your community respect and accept you if you have a lot of money?
2. Do you believe a person’s personality changes when he/she becomes rich?
3. When you have what you need to survive, are you happy?

4. Name five things **you** need to survive.

5. Have you experienced prejudice? If so, under what circumstances?

6. Do you believe this statement...*If you don't have money, you don't have anything?*

7. Do you think human beings are essentially either good or evil?

8. Is money the key to happiness?

