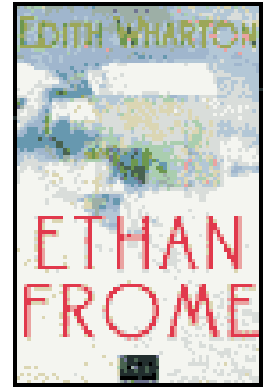


Anticipation Guide for *Ethan Frome*



Directions: Before we read Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome*, we are going to make predictions about the novel's messages and themes. Next to the following statements, write either "T" for true or "F" for false. Use your own understanding and background to answer each statement. Be prepared to defend your answer. Remember, we are simply *anticipating* the novel so feel free to guess! We will review this once more after we have read the novel.

1. _____ Social and moral structures cannot place limits on one's own passions, desires, and dreams.
2. _____ Small towns are great places to live if you love privacy and anonymity.
3. _____ Being obsessed with illness (a hypochondriac) weakens one's marriage.
4. _____ A harsh, cold climate can be difficult for even a strong and brawny man to survive.
5. _____ If it is true love, it will work out.
6. _____ A person's outward appearance can reveal much about their inner self.
7. _____ The feelings of panic, love, and entrapment can lead to irrational behavior.
8. _____ Sledding accidents are never serious.
9. _____ If life doesn't work out the way you wish it would, you should give up.
10. _____ Your thoughts impact your actions.