

Matilda

ANTICIPATION GUIDE

DIRECTIONS

- Before you read the book, read each of the statements and place a check next to “agree” or “disagree” in the BEFORE column.
- Compare your opinions with a partner’s opinions and discuss your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.
- After you read the book, read the statements again and place a check next to “agree” or “disagree” under the AFTER column. How has your thinking changed?

BEFORE Reading		Statement	AFTER Reading	
agree	disagree		agree	disagree
		Children should always obey adults, even when an adult is being unfair		
		Reading and knowledge can give a person real power		
		Sometimes it is right to break a rule to stop cruelty		
		Being small or young means you cannot change things around you		
		People are born smart or not, and hard work cannot change that		
		The family you are born into is not always the best family for you		
		It is okay to trick someone who has treated you unkindly		
		Cruel people usually get what they deserve in the end		