

Of Mice and Men Study Guide

Chapter 1

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences using details from the novel.

1. When George and Lennie first enter the book, what can you tell about the kind of lives they live based on the way they are dressed and what they are carrying?
2. Where are they going and for what purpose?
3. What keeps happening to the mice that Lennie pets, and what does this tell you about him?
4. What do the rabbits represent and why does the author mention them?

Answer the following question with at least one paragraph. Be sure to include specific details from the novel to support your answer.

5. Explain the relationship that exists between George and Lennie based on chapter 1 of the novel.

Chapter 2

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences using details from the novel.

1. What excuse does George give for Lennie's retardation?
2. What is the definition of "pugnacious"? Which character is described as "pugnacious"?
3. What is Candy's opinion of Curley's wife?
4. What does Carlson suggest Slim do for Candy?

Answer the following question with at least one paragraph. Be sure to include specific details from the novel to support your answer.

5. Why is the stable buck set apart from the other men?

Chapter 3

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences using details from the novel.

1. Why did Lennie sleep in the barn?
2. What do Whit and George talk about, and what does George decide to do?
3. What is Curley upset about?
4. Who gets in a fight and why?

Answer the following question with at least one paragraph. Be sure to include specific details from the novel to support your answer.

5. Explain what happens to Candy's dog and why. Be sure to discuss his feelings about this situation.

Chapter 4

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences using details from the novel.

1. What does Crooks talk to Lennie about?
2. Who else visit Crooks' room?
3. What is Crooks actually doing in his room?
4. What is Crooks saying about himself during this scene in the novel?

Answer the following question with at least one paragraph. Be sure to include specific details from the novel to support your answer.

5. What is Crooks' attitude toward Candy and Lennie's dream?

Chapter 5

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences using details from the novel.

1. How does Curley's wife die?
2. What does George first decide to do?
3. What are the men doing outside while Lennie and Curley's wife are in the barn?
4. Who really steals Carlson's Luger?

Answer the following question with at least one paragraph. Be sure to include specific details from the novel to support your answer.

5. Is Curley's wife an evil woman? Explain.

Chapter 6

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences using details from the novel.

1. Where does Lennie return to at the end of the book?
2. What is one of the visions or dreams Lennie has while he waits for George?
3. What scene does George recreate for Lennie at the end of the book?
4. How does Slim treat George at the end of the book?

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences using details from the novel.

5. Is George right or wrong in his actions at the end of the book? Defend your opinion.