

## *Of Mice and Men*: Chapter 1 Reading and Study Guide

**LITERARY TERMS:** I will give you these definitions!

imply \_\_\_\_\_

infer \_\_\_\_\_

exposition \_\_\_\_\_

setting \_\_\_\_\_

What is the setting of this novel? \_\_\_\_\_

point of view \_\_\_\_\_

From what point of view is the story told? \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Where did the bus drop the two men off?
2. How is George described?
3. How is Lennie described?
4. What does Lennie do with the water that makes him proud of himself?
5. What does Lennie not have in his pocket?
6. Why does Lennie not have it in *his* pocket?
7. What does Lennie take out of his pocket that gets him yelled at by George?
8. What did Lennie want to do with this item?
9. Where are George and Lennie going?
10. From where are George and Lennie coming?
11. When they get to where they are going, what does George tell Lennie to do?
12. Why did George and Lennie leave the last place they were at?
13. When Lennie goes out to get wood for a fire, what does he bring back that George takes away?
14. Who used to give Lennie mice?
15. Why did she stop giving Lennie mice?

16. What does Lennie want with his dinner that they don't have?
17. What does George imply happened in Weed with the girl?
18. What dream does George and Lennie share?
19. Where does George tell Lennie to go if he gets in trouble?

### ***Of Mice and Men*: Chapter 2 Reading and Study Guide**

**LITERARY TERMS:** I will give you these definitions!

dialect \_\_\_\_\_

novella \_\_\_\_\_

irony \_\_\_\_\_

What is an example of something ironic from this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

direct characterization \_\_\_\_\_

indirect characterization \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTIONS**

1. According to the old man, why was the boss mad at George and Lennie?
2. What does George find in the box by his bed and what does he assume?
3. Describe the "stable buck." What physical attributes does he have? What does the boss use him for?
4. Describe the fight between the "stable buck" and Smitty.
5. What is Lennie's last name?
6. What does the boss suspect George of doing to Lennie? What makes him think this?
7. What reason does George give for taking care of Lennie?
8. What is George's last name?
9. Who is Curley?
10. What does the swamper tell George about Curley's left hand?
11. Describe Curley's wife.
12. Why does she come into the bunkhouse?

13. Describe Slim. What is his job on the ranch? What are some of his character traits?
14. What did Slim do to four of his pups? Why?
15. What does Lennie want George to ask Slim?

### *Of Mice and Men*: Chapter 3 Reading and Study Guide

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theme \_\_\_\_\_

What is a theme of the novel so far? \_\_\_\_\_

imagery \_\_\_\_\_

onomatopoeia \_\_\_\_\_

example: \_\_\_\_\_

foreshadow \_\_\_\_\_

conflict \_\_\_\_\_

General type		Specific example from story
_____ vs. _____	—	_____ vs. _____
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_____ vs. _____	—	_____ vs. _____

### QUESTIONS

1. What does Slim say he would have done to the dog if he hadn't given it to Lennie?
2. What does Slim say he finds funny?
3. George says if he were really smart he would be doing what?
4. What is the story behind why Lennie and George travel together?
5. What can the reader infer about Lennie's childhood and family life?
6. What did George do once that made him stop playing jokes on Lennie?
7. What card game does George play?
8. What does George tell Slim happened in Weed?

9. What sneaky thing does Lennie try to do?
10. What game has the other guys been playing while George and Slim talk?
11. What is Carlson's problem and what does he tell Candy to do?
12. What reasons does Carlson give for wanting Candy's dog shot?
13. What does Whit show Slim?
14. What does Carlson say he has?
15. What does Slim tell Carlson to take with him when goes to shoot Candy's dog? Why?
16. Whit says that George and Lennie must have come to work. What reason does he give?
17. What does Whit invite George to do "tomorrow" night?
18. Why don't the guys visit Clara's house instead of Susy's?
19. Why does George say he will go and get a drink but that he isn't going to pay for a flop?
20. What is Curley looking for?
21. What does Curley think Slim is doing?
22. What is Slim really doing in the barn?
23. Who has been listening to and finally interrupts George and Lennie's conversation about the ranch?
24. For what reason would the people sell the ranch for only \$600?
25. How did Candy get \$250?
26. What is George afraid will happen to them if others find out they are going to buy a ranch?
27. What does Candy tell George he wishes he had done?
28. Why was Lennie smiling?
29. About what does Curley think Lennie smiling about?
30. What happens between Curley and Lennie?

### ***Of Mice and Men*: Chapter 4 Reading and Study Guide**

**LITERARY TERMS:** I will give you these in class!

verbal irony \_\_\_\_\_

example: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS**

1. What are two books that Crooks owns?
2. How does Crooks react to Lennie when he comes to visit?
3. For what reason did Lennie come to the barn?
4. Where is George?
5. What do we learn about Crooks family?
6. What does Lennie tell Crooks, even though he probably shouldn't have?
7. What is Crook's opinion of George and Lennie desire to get land?
8. About what did Candy want to talk to Lennie?
9. Where is George's money going, according to Crooks.
10. Who visits Crooks, Candy, and Lennie?
11. What do we learn about Curley's wife?
12. Before Curley's wife leaves, what does she notice about Lennie?
13. What does Curley's wife say she could have done to Crooks?
14. What is the last thing Crooks says to Candy?

***Of Mice and Men*: Chapter 5 & 6 Reading and Study Guide**

**LITERARY TERMS:** I will give you these definitions!

protagonist \_\_\_\_\_

Who is/are the protagonist(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

personification \_\_\_\_\_

Example \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS:** answer the following questions.

**Chapter 5**

1. What day and time is it at the beginning of chapter 5?

2. What is Lennie doing in the barn by himself?
3. Why does Lennie think that he might not get to tend the rabbits?
4. Who visits Lennie in the barn?
5. According to Curley's wife, why isn't anyone going to leave the horseshoe tournament?
6. According to Curley's wife, how come she didn't get into show business?
7. What can we infer is the reason Curley's wife married Curley?
8. What plan does Lennie have to avoid getting in trouble?
9. What did Lennie lose that he wishes he had now?
10. For what does Curley's wife yell at Lennie?
11. What did Lennie do to Curley's wife?
12. Who finds Curley's wife?
13. What does Candy hopefully ask George?
14. What favor does George ask of Candy?
15. What does Carlson think happened to his Luger?

## **Chapter 6**

16. Where is Lennie hiding?
17. With whom does Lennie have his first imaginary conversation?
18. With whom/what does Lennie have his second imaginary conversation?
19. What story does George tell Lennie?
20. What does he do while telling him this story?