

Of Mice and Men
John Steinbeck

Define the following words found in the book:

1. Pantomime:
2. Morosely:
3. Pugnacious:
4. Derision:
5. Heron:

Descriptions:

1. Provide a physical description of Lennie.
2. Provide a physical description of George.
3. Provide a physical description of Curley.
4. Name two other characters in the book. For each character provide a physical weakness that he/she possesses.

5. Describe the relationship that George and Lennie share. Why is theirs' different from other relationships in the book?

Section One

1. In the beginning of the book what animal is killed by Lennie?

- A) Dog
- B) Heron
- C) Mouse
- D) Rabbit

2. What does Lennie like to put on his beans?

- A) Pepper
- B) Salt
- C) Ketchup
- D) Mustard

Section Two

3. Of the people on the ranch, who wishes to harm Lennie?

- A) Candy
- B) Carlson
- C) Curley
- D) Slim

4. Who is the most respected man on the ranch?

- A) Carlson
- B) George
- C) Lennie
- D) Slim

Section Three

5. Why did George and Lennie leave Weed?

6. How do Lennie and George know one another?
- A) They are childhood friends from the same town
 - B) They met each other on the way to the ranch
 - C) They are brothers
 - D) They are cousins
7. Who killed Candy's dog?
- A) Candy
 - B) Carlson
 - C) Crooks
 - D) Curley
8. How did Curley hurt his hand?
- A) He was attacked by Candy's dog
 - B) Lennie crushed his hand
 - C) Someone slammed a bar door on his hand during a fight
 - D) It was caught in a machine while working

Section Four

9. Who is Crooks and why can't he play cards with the other workers?
10. What does Curley's wife threaten to do to Crooks?

Section Five

11. Before she was married, Curley's wife dreamed of...
- A) running the ranch on her own
 - B) being a nurse
 - C) being a famous movie star
 - D) Marrying Curley was all she ever wanted to do with her life

Section Six

12. Who was the only person who consoled George after Lennie's death?
- A) Candy
 - B) Carlson
 - C) Curley
 - D) Slim

Critical Thinking:

13. Who are the female characters in this book and how are they portrayed?

14. In three sentences or less, explain why you think George killed Lennie.

15. With Lennie dead, what will George and Candy do with their money? What will become of their dream?