

Requirements: This book should be read through page 81 by the first day of school. The last chapter will be finished in class once school begins. Answer all questions on this guide up to the last page.

***Of Mice and Men***

Study Guide

English 9 Academic & English 9/American Literature

Mrs. Pflueger

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the main characters of book.

George-

Lennie-

Curly-

Boss-

Candy-

Crooks-

Candy's wife-

Aunt Clara-

Carlson-

Slim-

Identify the setting of the novel-

Identify the theme of the novel-

Identify the plot of the novel-

Descriptions:

1. Provide a physical description of Lennie-
2. Provide a physical description of George-
3. Provide a physical description of Curly-

Now compare and contrast these descriptions in a paragraph using complete sentences and proper punctuation.

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Answer the following in complete sentences. Be sure to support answers with facts and details from the book. These answers should be more than one sentence.

1. In the beginning of the book what animal is killed by Lennie and how is this a foreshadowing element?
2. What does Lennie like to put on his beans, what can we read into Lennie's mind set by this one simple fact?
3. Of the people on the ranch, who wishes to harm Lennie and why does this person want to hurt Lennie?
4. Who is the most respected man on the ranch and why is he so respected?
5. Why did George and Lennie leave Weed?
6. How do Lennie and George know one another and what describe their codependent relationship?
7. Who killed Candy's dog and how could this foreshadow a later event in the book?

8. How did Curly hurt his hand and how do the ranch hands cover up the event?
  
9. Who is Crooks and why can't he play cards with the other workers on the ranch?
  
10. Before she was married, Curley's wife dreamed of doing what and how does this demonstrate the theme of unfulfilled dreams?
  
11. Who are the female characters in this book and how are they portrayed?
  
12. Explain the views of the Catholic Church on the subject of mercy killing?
  
13. What is the view of the Catholic Church regarding racism?
  
14. Compose an alternate ending for the novel.

# **This page will be completed once discussion of novel is completed after school starts.**

Answer these questions after completion of the novel.

Who is the only person who consoled George after Lennie's death and why do you think he does this?

How is the idea of unfulfilled dreams represented in the novel?

How has our society and migrant workers changed since this book was written in regards to agrarian societies and racial roles?

How has the role of women changed since the novel was written?

Explain one element of symbolism in the novel and how it was used?