

American Literature/Composition Summer Reading

- Please read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck AND another book of your choice.
- The answers to the questions below are due to your American Literature teacher on the first day of the semester.
- You will have a writing assignment about *Of Mice and Men* early in the semester.

Study Guide: *Of Mice and Men* Study by John Steinbeck

ANSWER EACH OF THE QUESTIONS ON ANOTHER SHEET OF PAPER.

BE SURE TO NUMBER THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWER THEM COMPLETELY.

YOU MAY WANT TO ANSWER AS YOU READ EACH CHAPTER.

Chapter 1

1. Identify and give a physical description of Lennie and George.
2. What is George's first complaint to Lennie?
3. What trouble did George and Lennie have in Weed?
4. What is in Lennie's pocket? Why does he have it?
5. George bursts into a long speech about what he could do if he were alone? What could he do?
6. Lennie offers to go away and live in a cave. What is George's response?
7. Why are George and Lennie different from the "other guys like us that work on ranches"?
8. What are George and Lennie going to do someday?
9. What two things does George want Lennie to remember?
10. Why did George want to camp overnight instead of going another quarter of a mile to the ranch?

Chapter 2

1. What does George answer when the boss asks what he is trying to put over?
2. Identify and describe Curley.
3. The swamper said, "Seems like Curley ain't givin' nobody a chance." Explain.
4. What advice does George give Lennie after Curley and the swamper leave?
5. Identify Slim and Carlson.
6. What does Slim have that Lennie wants?

Chapter 3

1. Slim and George have a long conversation. Slim says it's funny how George and Lennie go around together. What is George's answer?
2. Identify Candy.
3. What did Carlson do with his Luger. Why?
4. What card game does George play?
5. Describe Curley's wife. What is the problem about her?
6. What will Lennie's job be when he and George get their land?
7. What does Candy want when he hears about George's and Lennie's plans? What is he willing to contribute?
8. Why did Curley fight with Lennie? What happened?

Chapter 4

1. Identify Crooks.
2. Lennie tells Crooks about the land. What is Crooks's reply at first?

3. What does Crooks want when he believes there might really be land?
4. Why did Curley's wife come to the barn?
5. Why did Crooks change his mind after Curley's wife left?

Chapter 5

1. What happened to Lennie's puppy? What is Lennie's reaction?
2. Why did Curley's wife come to see Lennie?
3. What did she tell Lennie?
4. Why did Lennie kill Curley's wife?
5. What was George's reaction when he found out about Curley's wife's death?
6. What was Curley's reaction to his wife's death?

Chapter 6

1. How and why did George kill Lennie?
2. Who is the only one who really understands what George did?

For your "ANOTHER APPROPRIATE BOOK," please write its title and author on a separate sheet of paper. Write five good discussion questions to go along with your book. Write one paragraph about why this book is a good choice for you.