

Revised

Of Mice and Men

"The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain
For promis'd joy!
- *To a Mouse* Robert Burns

Reading Schedule

If you are absent on a day you will be responsible for all that is due for the day you come back, including what you were absent for.

Reading Schedule as follows: changes may occur

Read before coming to class

1/28	Friday	Intro to Of Mice and Men
1/31	Mon	Chapter 1
2/1	Tue	Chapter 2
2/2	Wed	Chapter 3
2/3	Thur	Chapter 4
2/4	Friday	Chapter 5 and 6

1. How can you enhance the life of someone who faces adversity?
2. How do relationships effect life.

Naturalism:

a type of literature

Characters studied through their relationships to their surroundings

Emphasis on the natural world

Humans are a part of nature and are not special

Humans are animalist and can be compared to animals

Characters are ill educated or lower class

Characters are govern by their heredity instinct, and passion

Plot is like a slice of life

Cold Reality

Symbolism- representing things by symbols, or of investing things with a symbolic meaning or character

Chapter 1

What is each quote symbolic of below?

“O.K. Someday- we’re gonna get the jack together and we’re gonna have a little house and a couple of acres an’ a cow and some pigs and- George
“An’ live off the fatta the lan’- Lennie

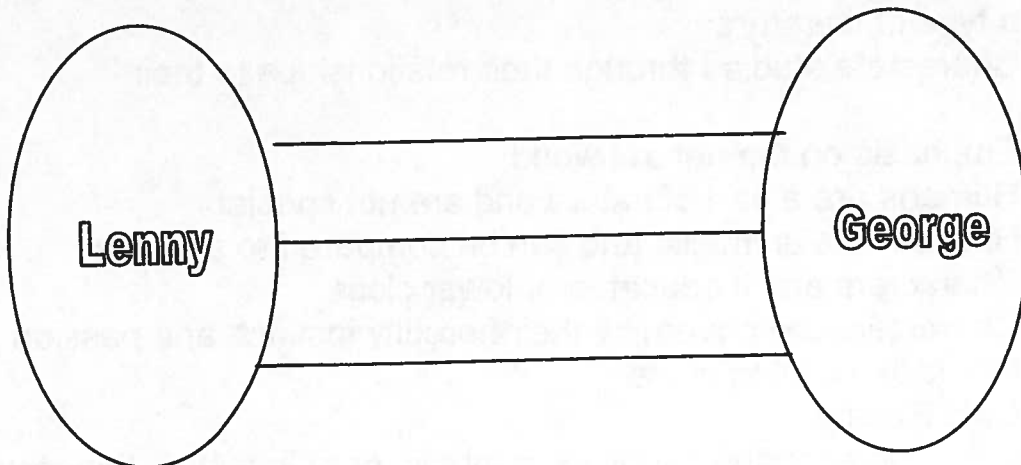
“I’d find things, George. I don’t need no nice food with ketchup. I’d lay out in the sun and nobody’d hurt me. An’ if I foun’ a mouse, I could keep it. Nobody’d take it away from me.”

George looked quickly and searching at him. “I been mean, ain’t I?”

“If you don’ want me I can go off in the hills an’ find a cave. I can go away any time.”

“No- look! I was jus’ foolin’, Lennie. ‘Cause I want you to stay with me. Trouble with mice is you always kill ‘em.” He paused. “Tell you what I’ll do, Lennie. First chance I get I’ll give you a pup. Maybe you wouldn’t kill it. That’d be better than mice. And you could pet it harder.”

Write details about each character below in the circles. In the lines between them take notes of how they are connected



Chapter 2

Describe each character we are introduced to in chapter 2.

Candy

Slim

Curley

Carlson

Curley's Wife

Crooks

Why does Lennie like little mice, puppies and rabbits?

From his actions, how do you think George feels about Lennie?

Why do you think George takes care of Lennie?

Describe the dream that Geore and Lennie share?

Foreshadowing is the process of putting hints in about what will happen in the book. What are some examples of foreshadowing in this chapter?

Chapter 3

Explain why each quote is significant to the novel as a whole.

"I ain't got no people," George said. "I seen the guys that go around on the ranches alone. That ain't no good. They don't have no fun. After a long time they get mean. They get wantin' to fight all the time."

"Candy looked a long time at Slim to try to find some reversal. And Slim gave him none. At last Candy said softly and hopelessly, 'Awright- take ' im.' He did not look down at the dog at all. He lay back on his bunk and crossed his arms behind his head and stared at the ceiling."

Answer the following questions.

Why do Carlson and the others want to kill the dog?

Why does Candy not want to kill his dog?

Are Candy's feelings understandable?

Why does Curley pick on Lennie?

Give some new details about the characters from this chapter. What do we find out about them?

George

Lennie

Candy (the Swamper)

Chapter 4

What important symbolism happens in this chapter, and what does it mean?

What is symbolic about Crooks at the end of the scene when he starts changing his mind about working on George and Lennie's farm?

Give details about **what happens** to each character in this chapter.

Lennie

Candy

Crooks

Curley's Wife

Chapter 5 & 6

Is George's treatment of Lennie fair? Explain your answer.

Is George's treatment of Lennie understandable? Explain.

How do the following characters treat Lennie and why?

Candy

Curley's wife

Crooks

Why do they all talk to him?

Why does Lennie kill the puppy and later the girl?

How is the killing of Lennie similar to the killing of Candy's dog? Why do you think George killed Lennie himself instead of letting the men do it?

Do you think Lennie had to be shot? What would have been some alternatives?