*Of Mice and Men* Extra Credit

Character Sociograms – 22 points

1. Name all the characters in the novel.
2. Identify and draw one main character (in this case, George or Lennie) in the middle of your page for the focus of this task.
3. Draw a line down the middle of the page.
4. One side of the line equals characters that are beneficial to him.
5. The other side equals characters that are working against him.
6. What about those characters who aren’t really for or against him? Where will you put them?

When you draw the other characters,

1. Their size should represent their importance, lack of power, personality, etc.
2. Let the distance of the characters demonstrate their distances to the center character in the novel.

You can...

1. Draw symbols instead of “portraits”, but they should have meaning as well.
2. Show the direction or type of a relationship by an arrow/line (the lines can be creatively applied: What might the following types of lines indicate? A jagged line? A wavy line? The thickness of the line? etc.)
3. Represent clear relationships with a solid line and indirect relationships by a broken line.
4. Put a big circle around active characters with a solid line: circle significantly absent characters with a broken line.
5. Be sure to use symbolic colors as well.
6. Explore creative ways to represent a character’s motivation. For example, inside each “character’s circle” might be one or more words that seem to capture the essence of that character.

Your Sociogram must include all these elements for 22 points:

Main character – 1 point (this should be the easy point!)

At least 6 other characters

Each character is worth 3 points.

One point for a logical placement  
 One point for a word that describes the character

One point for either a symbolic line or circle with your character

Just including these elements does not get you points – you must earn them!

You will get 3 points for including symbolism (colors, images, etc.)

“Reading Strategies: Scaffolding Students’ Interactions with Texts.” Sociograms. Greece Central School District. 8 Oct 2007 <http://www.greece.k12.ny.us/instruction/ela/6-12/Reading/Reading%20Strategies/sociograms.htm>.