**Of Mice of Men**

**Directions: For each set of reading, answer 3 of the following questions for homework. Make sure you ACE your answers:**

* **Answer the question,**
* **Cite at least one piece of evidence to support your answer, and**
* **Explain how the evidence supports your answer.**

Chapters 1&2:

1. Explain the relationship that’s developed between George and Lennie. Why do you think George takes care of Lennie?
2. George and Lennie travel only with a bundle full of their personal belongings. If you had to travel light, what possessions would you put in your bundle?
3. Why do you think the author writes using dialect rather than Standard English? What effect does the profanity produce? What about the “n” word? Explain the impact of all on the story.
4. What is the impression of Curley’s wife? What passage in the story lead to such an impression?
5. In what ways do you think George is different from the other men on the ranch?
6. What do you think of the novel so far?

Chapters 3&4:

1. Candy seems to be very attached to his old dog. Why do you suppose he allows the dog to be killed? Comment on whether you would have made the same decision.
2. For what reason do you think Crooks, Candy, and Lennie are excluded from the poker game and the trips into town? Comment on whether you think they realize this exclusion and how it makes them feel?
3. Which characters do you like at this point in the story? Why do you like them?
4. How does Curley’s wife feel about life on the ranch? Explain why you do or do not feel sympathy for her.
5. What do you think might occur because of Lennie’s preoccupation with soft objects? Explain why you think so.

Chapters 5&6:

1. Do you think it was appropriate for Curley’s wife to visit Lennie in the barn? Why or why not?
2. In your opinion, should Lennie be treated like a cold-blooded killer? Should George? Explain your answers.
3. If you were George, what would you have done at the end of the story? Were his actions justified? What other options did he have, and what might the results of those options be?
4. Has this book raised any questions in your mind? What have you learned from reading it?
5. What is your overall reaction to the novel? Would you recommend it to your friends? Should it be taught at the 9th grade level?

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| Compare w/Other Characters: similarities and differences | Why he/shewants this | Wishes for life | Relationship w/ others on ranch | Character’s repeated words | Physical Description |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Candy |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Crooks |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Curley |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Curley’s Wife | Slim |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | George |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Lennie |  |