

Of Mice and Men

Study Questions

Record your answers on a separate sheet of paper. You must answer in complete sentences.



Chapter One

1. Look back at the first paragraph. In your own words, describe the setting. What is the narrator's tone? What mood is established? Write down one line from the opening paragraph and explain how it supports your conclusion about either the tone or mood.

2. Physically describe Lennie and George. What's interesting about this contrast?

3. What's the name of the town where George and Lennie last worked? What happened that caused the two men to run away from this town?



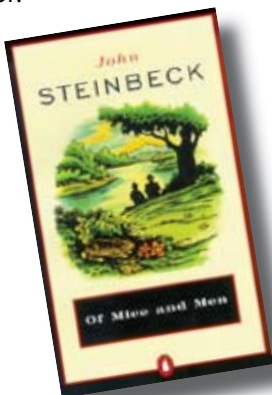
4. How are George and Lennie different than other ranch workers? Cite a line of text from the chapter that supports your statement. (Yes, this means I want you to write down the entire sentence from the chapter and include the page number citation.)

5. Why did Aunt Clara give Lennie a rubber mouse? Why didn't he like it?

6. Describe activities that show George acting as Lennie's parent/guardian.

7. Describe activities that show Lennie behaving as an animal.

8. George gets frustrated and yells at Lennie, saying, "...if I was alone I could live so easy. I could go get a job an' work, an' no trouble." Why, do you suppose, George hasn't left Lennie? Does George really want to be rid of Lennie? Explain your answer.



John Malkovich as Lennie