

Of Mice and Men

Chapter Four

1. How is the setting different in this chapter? How do your feelings change because of the difference?

2. Why does Crooks have more items than most of the other men? Take a look at his belongings. Choose three specific items and explain what they show about this character.

3. Despite the racial segregation of the time, Crooks asks to join Candy and Lennie on the dream farm. Later, he says he was "jus' foolin'. I wouldn' want to go no place like that." What causes his change of heart?

4. "I could get you strung up on a tree so easy it ain't even funny." Who says this line? Discuss the power structure of the ranch. Which characters have power? Which don't? Where does Crooks rate in terms of power on the ranch?

5. Why is George unhappy when he returns to the ranch? Is he right to be upset? Explain your answer.

6. The idea of loneliness is a key part of this book. Write two lines spoken by Crooks, include page number, where he directly talks about his feelings of loneliness.

