

# Of Mice and Men



## Chapter Five



1. List the reasons that Lennie gives to explain how the puppy is responsible for its own death. Are Lennie's arguments valid? Why or why not?

2. Explain what happened to Curley's wife that led her to meet and quickly marry Curley.

3. I know that you want to despise Curley's wife, but this chapter helps us to see her in a slightly different light, changing her from a static character to one who is more dynamic. Now that you know a bit of her background, how have your feelings about this character changed? Explain your answer.

4. When Lennie runs away, he takes the dead puppy with him, saying, "I'll throw him away...It's bad enough like it is." What does this show us about his mental state?

5. When all of the ranchers enter the barn, which one of them inspects Curley's wife's neck? What does this show us?

6. Now that you've finished the chapter, explain what the death of the puppy foreshadows. Also, the puppy can be seen as a symbol. How so?

