

Of Mice and Men
Guided Reading/Study Guide

CHARACTERS – *Be prepared to match these characters with their correct descriptions.*

Lennie Small –
George Milton –
Candy –
Curley –
Slim –
Crooks --

Chapter 1

1. In what part of the country does the novel take place?
2. To what animal is Lennie compared?
3. Why were George and Lennie run out of Weed?
4. What is the meaning of the following phrase: “An’ live off the fatta the lan”?
5. Where does George tell Lennie to hide if he gets in trouble?

Chapter 2

6. Why does George answer all the questions directed to Lennie?
7. How does Curley react to Lennie’s silence?
8. What uneasy feeling does George have about Curley’s wife?
9. When an author hints at things that may happen later in a story, such as one character having uneasy feelings, it is called. _____ .

Chapter 3

10. What kind act does Slim do for Lennie?
11. What is Carlson’s solution to the problem of the dog?
12. What role does Candy play in helping George and Lennie try to buy land?
13. Why does Curley attack Lennie?
14. What happens to Curley after he attacks Lennie?

Chapter 4

1. Why is Crooks jealous of Lennie's friendship with George?
2. How does Crooks fill his loneliness?
3. How does Crooks feel about Lennie's dream of "livin off the fatta the lan"?
4. Why does Curley's wife interrupt Crooks, Candy, and Lennie?
5. Does Curley's wife really know what happened to his hand? What is her reaction to the incident?

Chapter 5

1. What did Lennie do to the puppy?
2. Why is he angry at the dead puppy?
3. When Lennie does not want to talk to Curley's wife, how does she react?
4. What does she ask Lennie to do?
5. What does Lennie do to her?
6. Whom does Candy blame for the murder? Why is he so angry at what has happened?
7. Why does George leave and then return to the scene of the crime with the others?
8. Who does Carlson think has stolen his Luger pistol?

Chapter 6

1. Where does Lennie hide?
2. Lennie has an unusual hallucination. Describe it.
3. How do the characters in Lennie's dream treat him?
4. What is George going to do to Lennie? How does he do it?
5. Earlier in the novel, who or what was killed in the same way?
6. Why did George lie to the others about what really happened?
7. Do you think this story has a positive or negative ending? Why?