

Of Mice and Men

Lesson #2

Informal Quiz

I. What does Lennie have in his pocket that George demands he hands over?

- a. His money
- b. A dead mouse
- c. His work card
- d. His keys

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2. What type of work will George and Lennie be doing at the ranch that they are headed to?

- a. Milking cows
- b. Harvesting crops
- c. Bucking grain bags
- d. Caring for livestock

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3. What does Lennie like to eat with his beans?

- a. Ketchup
- b. Gravy
- c. Maple syrup
- d. Sour cream

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4. What does Carlson suggest Candy do with his old dog?

- a. Drown it
- b. Stave it
- c. Shoot it
- d. Poison it

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5. What lie(s) does George tell the boss?

- a. That he isn't stealing Lennie's pay
- b. That Lennie was kicked in the head by a horse as a child
- c. That Lennie is his cousin
- d. Both B & C

Discussion Questions

- Describe the dream that George and Lennie share for their future. Why is it so important to both men?
- In the first section of the novella, Lennie asks George to tell him about what it will be like when they have their own farm. Do you think George and Lennie will ever be successful in fulfilling this dream? Why or why not? Use evidence from the first two chapters to support your answer.
- Is the relationship between George and Lennie truly one of friendship, or does George only feel obligated to take care of Lennie? What evidence can you find to support either position?

Journal Writing Guidelines

This journal will be worth 25% of your mark for this unit. It is intended to be used as a tool for you, the students, to express your opinions on important issues and topics that will come up in the novel. This journal will not be marked for grammatical or spelling errors, but rather, it is the ideas that are important here. Most topics or questions will be assigned, **but you are required to make two entries of your own**, on any subject you would like to write about, either related or unrelated to the novel. I would like to know what sorts of things are important to you, and this is a good way of letting me know.

Some general guidelines:

1. Each journal entry should be at least one page double-spaced. You are strongly encouraged to write as much as you can on each topic. If you don't get a chance to finish your entry during class, by all means, bring it home and finish. Your mark will certainly reflect your effort.
2. Use a separate page for each entry. Please put the title of the entry and the date at the top of each page.
3. I DO NOT want a "good copy". I am more interested in reading your initial responses to each of the topics. I do not want to see anything typed or edited; you will lose marks if you hand in anything but a "rough draft". Write as neatly as possible.
4. Keep the journal entries in a safe place. They will all be collected together when we finish the unit.
5. They will be given a mark out of 25, and they are worth 25% of your unit mark.

Journal Entry #1

“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.” - Hellen Keller

- Respond to this quote. **What does it mean to you?** Describe a situation when this quote was applicable to your own life/experiences. Then, find an example from *Of Mice and Men* and discuss how it relates to your own ideas on the nature of friendship and/or your interpretation of the quote.