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# Of Mice and Men

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## Assignment 1

From your reading of the novel what impressions have you formed of the relationship between George and Lennie? What do you think are the main reasons for their unusual friendship?

- Rapid Response and Sentence Openers.
- Quote Burgers
- Character grid
- Writing Guides

## Assignment 2

Choose 2 characters from the novel and show how their lives are affected by their environment.

- Sort the Information.
- Quote Burgers.
- Writing Guide.

## **THE MAIN CHARACTERS**

### **LENNIE**

Lennie is a huge, strong man with the mind of a child. He works as a farm labourer and travels around with George who looks after him and tries to keep him out of trouble.

### **GEORGE**

George takes responsibility for Lennie and tries to find them work on farms. He is small and intelligent. He is not happy with his life. It is his dream to have a farm of his own. He shares this dream with Lennie.

### **CURLEY**

He is the son of the owner of the ranch where the story is set. He is a small man who behaves like a bully. He is disliked by the other men on the ranch.

### **CURLEY'S WIFE**

She is young and only recently married. She is the only woman on the ranch and is lonely. She spends most of her time either looking for Curley or flirting with the farm workers.

### **CANDY**

He is an old man who works on the ranch. He becomes friends with George and Lennie. He wants to share their dream of owning their own farm. He has an old, sick dog which he shoots.

### **CROOKS**

Crooks is a black man who works and lives in the stables on the ranch. He is isolated from the other workers who are racist towards him. He also has a bad back which stops him working with the others.

## Summary of the Story

### Chapter 1.

**George** and **Lennie** are farm workers who have come to work on a ranch. George tells Lennie how to behave when they meet the boss of the ranch. He tells him to say nothing. George looks after Lennie who behaves in a child like way.

Before they arrive at the ranch, Lennie finds a mouse. He accidentally kills it by stroking it too hard. George is angry when Lennie wants to keep the dead mouse. George says he could have a good life if he didn't have to look after Lennie. He reminds Lennie that they had to leave the last farm because Lennie had stroked a little girl's dress in the same way as he had stroked the mouse. The little girl had been afraid and had cried. Men had come looking for George and Lennie and they had been forced to run away.

George tells Lennie that one day they will have a farm of their own and Lennie would be able to look after the rabbits. This is their dream.

Before the two arrive on the ranch, George tells Lennie that if there is any trouble he must go and hide in the woods and wait for him.

### Chapter 2.

George and Lennie arrive at the ranch. The boss asks a lot of questions and George does all the answering.

**Curley** the boss' son arrives and immediately dislikes Lennie because of his size and strength. After Curley has gone, George warns Lennie to keep away from Curley because he thinks there might be trouble.

Later, **Curley's wife** arrives looking for her husband. Lennie thinks she is pretty. The farm workers return from work and George and Lennie meet **Slim** and **Carlson**.

Slim's dog has just had puppies and Lennie wants one. George says he will talk to Slim about it. Carlson wants **Candy**, the old man who looks after the bunkhouse, to have a puppy too. He thinks Candy's own dog should be shot as it is very old.

### Chapter 3

George talks to Slim in the bunkhouse and explains why he and Lennie go around together. He also tells Slim what happened on their last farm and how they were forced to leave.

Lennie brings the puppy into the bunkhouse and tries to hide it. George sees it and tells Lennie that the puppy is too small to be taken from its mother. Carlson is angry with Candy because the old man keeps his dog in the bunkhouse. The dog is old,

## **RAPID RESPONSE**

(Quick Reaction Answers)

These statements will help you to think about the relationship between George and Lennie.

Copy each one out (one at a time).

Answer by saying if you agree or disagree and why.

You must give at least one reason for each answer.

### **USE THE PHRASES IN THE BOX TO HELP YOU**

1. George only stays with Lennie because he feels sorry for him.
2. George and Lennie are happy to continue moving from place to place as migrant workers.
3. George feels a sense of responsibility for Lennie.
4. Lennie brings nothing but trouble to George.
5. They have an equal relationship.
6. They are an unlikely looking pair to be travelling together.
7. They can both rely on each other.
8. Their shared dream is what keeps them going.
9. It was not unusual for two ranch workers to have a close relationship at that time.
10. All the other characters are bothered by George and Lennie's relationship in some way.



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