

# *Of Mice and Men*

## Worksheet Packet . . .

### **CHAPTER ONE:**

1. Why did George and Lennie have to leave the town of Weed?
2. How did Aunt Clara try to compensate for Lennie's fetish of touching things?
3. Cite two ways that Lennie is child-like in his actions.
4. What kind of life do you think George might have if he didn't have to look after Lennie?
5. What two things does George tell Lennie to remember before they leave the brush?
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6. What is George and Lennie's dream?

### **CHAPTER TWO:**

1. Describe the physical handicaps (or "handicap") that both Candy and Crooks have.
2. What does the boss suspect of George and Lennie's relationship?

3. What does George tell the boss happened to Lennie to make him “not too bright”?

4. Why does Curley believe there is an advantage in picking on bigger guys?

5. How does Candy describe Curley’s wife?

6. Whom does George tell Lennie to stay away from and why?

### **CHAPTER THREE:**

1. What gesture of kindness does Slim make to Lennie?

2. What does George reveal to Slim in his “confessional dialogue”?

3. Who convinces Candy that Carlson should be permitted to kill Candy’s dog? How did he go about doing this?

4. What invitation did Whit extend to George?

5. How does Candy make George and Lennie’s dream a possible reality?

6. What is the argument between Slim and Curley, and who becomes Curley's scapegoat?
7. How does Slim protect George and Lennie's job?

#### **CHAPTER FOUR WORKSHEET:**

1. How does Crooks ridicule Lennie and George's plan to get their own place?
2. What does Crooks tease Lennie about?
3. Why does Crooks want to go with Lennie, George and Candy?
4. What does Curley's wife suspect Lennie of doing?
5. How does Curley's wife put Crooks in his place and how does he react?
6. How does George react when he finds Lennie and Candy talking to Crooks? Why?
7. What are Crooks' parting words to Candy as Candy, Lennie and George leave the barn?

#### **CHAPTER FIVE WORKSHEET:**

1. How is Lennie going to explain to George what happened to the puppy?
2. Why do you suppose Curley's wife sympathizes with Lennie's liking soft things?

3. What “confession” does Curley’s wife make to Lennie?
4. What is the significance of the piece of velvet?
5. What mistakes does Curley’s wife make while talking to Lennie?
6. What does Candy do when he discovers the body?
7. What does Curley want to do, and how does Slim try to stop him?
8. Why doesn’t George confide in Slim and ask for his help in trying to save Lennie?
9. What “confession” does Candy make to Curley’s dead wife?
10. What is going to happen to George and Lennie’s dream?

**CHAPTER SIX WORKSHEET:**

1. What two visions does Lennie have while waiting for George in the brush, and what do the visions tell him?
2. Why isn’t George annoyed with Lennie?
3. While he is telling Lennie about their dream, what does George tell Lennie to do?
4. Who realizes what transpired in the brush, and what is his comment that lets us know this?

5. Why did George tell Candy to wait and tell Curley what happened to his wife?

6. Do you believe that George was justified in killing Lennie?