

## Of Mice and Men Chapter 2

Answer all of the following questions on a separate page or document IN COMPLETE SENTENCES, using proper spelling, grammar, and sentence construction.

- 1) What does the boss suspect when he first meets George and Lennie? Why do you think he has these suspicions?
- 2) Who is Curley? How does he react to his first meeting with Lennie? How do you explain his reaction?
- 3) George identifies two omens of trouble in chapter 2. Who are they? What does George tell Lennie to do to avoid trouble? Why do they simply not leave the ranch?
- 4) Slim is also introduced in this chapter. What is your first impression of Slim? Give two or three specific details that help to create this impression.
- 5) Why do you think the other characters are surprised when they learn that George and Lennie are travelling together?
- 6) What is Carlson's chief complaint about Candy's dog? What does he think Candy should do?
- 7) Based on your reading of the story so far, do you think Lennie will be able to keep himself out of trouble? Explain your response.

## Vocabulary

Give the meanings of the following words without using a dictionary. Try to figure out their meanings by finding them in the book and checking how they are used. Rewrite the sentence using a different word/phrase in place of the vocabulary term.

- a) scowled (p. 21)
- b) pugnacious (p. 25)
- c) ominously (p. 27)
- d) contorted (p. 30)
- e) gravity (p. 33)