

Of Mice and Men

Discussion Questions

Answer all of the following questions on a separate page in complete sentences.

Chapter 3 (6 x /5)

1. How did George treat Lennie when they were younger? What happened that changed George's attitude?
2. George, Lennie and Candy all share the dream of owning their own farm. For each one, however, the dream is a little different. Explain why having their own farm (or ranch) is attractive to each character: (see p.56-61)
 - a) Lennie
 - b) Candy
 - c) George
3. How do the men feel about Crooks? Does Slim also feel this way? How do you know this? Explain.
4. Why do you think that Curley chose to pick a fight with Lennie? Explain what might have been going through his mind.
5. Is Curley's wife a stereotype, or one-dimensional character? Consider that the reader is not given her name or any significant details about her personality? Explain your answer.
6. Why does Slim invent a story to explain what has happened to Curley? Why does Curley accept this explanation? Explain the motivations for each of them.

Personal Connection

Do you think that Candy did the right thing when he agreed to have his dog 'put out of its misery'? Explain what he was thinking and whether it was the right thing to do and the right way to do it.

Big Word of the Day: **Cowering (p.64)** Use it in your answer for the Personal Connection question.