

Of Mice and Men Chapter 5 (84-98)

1. What day and time is it at the beginning of chapter 5?
2. What is Lennie doing in the barn by himself?
3. Why does Lennie think that he might not get to tend the rabbits?
4. Who visits Lennie in the barn?
5. According to Curley's wife, why isn't anyone going to leave the horseshoe tournament?
6. According to Curley's wife, how come she didn't get into show business?
7. What can we infer is the reason Curley's wife married Curley?
8. What plan does Lennie have to avoid getting in trouble?
9. What did Lennie lose that he wishes he had now?
10. For what does Curley's wife yell at Lennie?
11. What did Lennie do to Curley's wife?
12. Who finds Curley's wife?
13. What does Candy hopefully ask George?
14. What favor does George ask of Candy?
15. What does Carlson think happened to his Luger?

Of Mice and Men Chapter 6 (99-107)

1. Where is Lennie hiding?
2. With whom does Lennie have his first imaginary conversation?
3. With whom/what does Lennie have his second imaginary conversation?
4. What story does George tell Lennie?
5. What does he do while telling him this story?
6. Write whether or not George was justified in what he did to Lennie.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN YOUR JOURNAL:

Chapters 5 & 6

- A. **Character:** Curley's wife is never given a name. Speculate about why Steinbeck refers to her as "Curley's wife." Also, generate a list of three words that describe her as a person, then choose *one* and explain why that word best characterizes her. Support with text evidence.
- B. **Represent:** Think of one word that describes all the characters in the book—one word that somehow captures what they all have in common. Then write a paragraph in which you apply it to the characters and include examples that show what you mean. Here's a sample:

All the characters, including Curley's wife, are *x*. Curley, for example, shows he is *x* by . . . And Carlson is no different. While different from Curley, Carlson . . . Several others, Candy and Crooks, . . . Finally, Lennie and George, despite their differences, are both . . . For example, . . .
- C. **Reflect and Respond:** One theme of the novel focuses on the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" Now that you have finished the novel, reflect on what you think this means in general, and as it applies to the novel in particular. Include examples from the story and your experience to support your thinking.
- D. **Reflect and Relate:** At the end of the story, George kills Lennie. Reflect on what he did and why he did it. In what way is killing Lennie being "his brother's keeper"? Of course, if you think this was *not* the sort of thing a "brother's keeper" does, discuss why and defend your argument with examples and details from the text and/or your experience.