

Of Mice and Men Chapter “Bookmarks” (Study Guide Questions)

***Of Mice and Men* Chapter 1 (1-16)**

Match each descriptor to the correct character.

A – Lennie. B – George

- _____ 1) Has light-colored eyes
- _____ 2) Likes ketchup on his canned beans
- _____ 3) Carries around a dead mouse
- _____ 4) Plans ahead in case of a problem
- _____ 5) Has been raised by his Aunt Clara
- _____ 6) Likes soft, pretty things
- _____ 7) Is simple-minded
- _____ 8) Is the spokesperson
- _____ 9) Threatens to run away to live in a cave
- _____ 10) Is the leader
- _____ 11) Caused trouble in Weed
- _____ 12) Has slim arms and strong hands
- _____ 13) Is sharp-featured
- _____ 14) Is large and bulky
- _____ 15) Has a dark complexion

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Chapter 2 (17-37)

- When George and Lennie first got to the bunk house, what was George concerned about?
- What did the boss suspect when George wouldn't let Lennie speak?
- What lie did George tell to the boss?
- Explain 3 things about Curley.
- What did George learn from the swamper when they were talking?
- Describe Slim.
- What does Slim have that Lennie wants?

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Chapter 3 (38-65)

1. Why did Carlson take Candy’s dog?
2. What is the foreshadowing mentioned about Curley’s wife?
3. What was White trying to get George to do with the guys?
4. Why was Curley worried about where Slim was?
5. Who overheard George and Lennie talking about their dream? What did they decide to do together?
6. Why did Curley turn to Lennie and start picking on him?
7. Describe the fight between Curley and Lennie.
8. What did Slim mean when he told Curley, “I think you got your hand’ caught in a machine.”?

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***Of Mice and Men* Chapter 4 (66-83) Questions**

- (1) Why does Crooks live out in the barn?
- (2) Why was Crooks asking Lennie what would happen if George never came back?
- (3) On page 75, what does the line “It was difficult for Crooks to conceal his pleasure with anger” mean?
- (4) What did Crooks think about George, Lennie, and Candy’s dream to own their own land?
- (5) What does Curley’s wife want when she goes out to the barn?
- (6) Why did Candy get upset at what Curley’s wife said?
- (7) What did Curley’s wife figure out about Curley’s hand?
- (8) Why did Crooks tell Candy that he changed his mind about going to their place with them?

As you read Chapter 4, note below in the space provided which character was responsible for each of the incidents listed.

- 1. _____ rubbed liniment on his back for the pain.
- 2. _____ went to see his pup in the barn
- 3. _____ walked into Crooks’ room when he saw the light on
- 4. _____ told Lennie to suppose that George might not come back because he’s hurt.
- 5. _____ talked about how lonely a man gets when no one else is around to talk to
- 6. _____ figured out how to make money on the rabbits they plan to have
- 7. _____ offered to work for room and board only on the “new place”
- 8. _____ came to the barn looking for Curley
- 9. _____ talked back to the boss’s wife telling her she wasn’t wanted (two possibilities)
- 10. _____ said to Lennie, “I’m glad you bust up Curley a little bit. He got it comin’ to him. Sometimes I’d like to bust him myself.”

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***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?

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***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.