

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS - Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

- 1 What is the importance of Crooks to the novel?
- 2 Most of the characters in 'Of Mice and Men' are insecure and looking for a settled life. Is this true? Use three characters to explain your response.
- 3 Why is George and Lennie's dream so important to them?
- 4 Describe how different characters and incidents change the atmosphere in the bunkhouse

Write about:

- George's suspicions about the bunkhouse beds
- The ranch owner questioning George and Lennie's late arrival
- The killing of Candy's dog
- Curley's attack on Lennie

- 5 Discuss the relationship of George and Lennie.

Write about:

- Their travelling and working together
- How they relate to other characters in the novel
- Their dream
- Incidents that occur on the ranch involving them both
- Lennie's death

- 6 'Of Mice and Men' ends where it begins, with George and Lennie alone by the pool. What is your response to the ending of the novel?

Write about:

- Your feelings about George's decision to shoot Lennie
- Ways in which Steinbeck prepares us for this ending
- Why the writer chooses to end the story in this way
- Whether the ending suggests that the friendship of George and Lennie was pointless.

- 7 Write about the importance of the different places in 'Of Mice and Men'.