



'Of Mice And Men'

Your task is to mind map the characters from the ranch - what we know about them so far and what they are like.

📌 At the centre of your mind map, draw an image of the ranch.

✓ You should have three branches and on the different branches write:

- Owners
- Workers
- Friends

• From the three branches, draw signs, symbols, and names to represent all the different characters.

• You should try to sum them up in one or two words.

• Link them to themes in the novel, for example the theme of loneliness, violence, or inequality.

For example:

Curley is linked to two themes - VIOLENCE and POWER.

✳️ He has power because he is the bosses' son and so he treats the other workers badly.

✳️ He is aggressive straight after meeting Lennie and George and tries to pick a fight.

✳️ His hands are described like fists.

• You could challenge yourself to find a quote for the characters and add this in to your mind map.

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At the centre of your mind map draw an image, for example a book or an American flag, as this is a useful image to choose.

✓ You should have four different main branches which need to be thick lines and on the six different branches write:

- Friendship
- Inequality
- Violence
- Loneliness
- Dreams

- From the six branches, draw signs, symbols, and names to represent all the different themes - think carefully about the key images you use.
- Link the themes to characters in the novel, for example, Curley is linked to the theme of inequality and power: he has power because he is the bosses' son and so he treats the other workers badly.
- Inequality could include racism, power, old age
- You could challenge yourself to find a quote for the characters and add this in to your mind map.

Try to show your understanding of the themes so far, for example:

Loneliness:

- ☹ George playing solitaire and saying he 'could live **alone** so easy'.
- ☹ Soledad the setting for the novel, which means LONELY place in Spanish.
- ☹ The loneliness of the ranch workers and the life they leave - because they are always travelling looking for a job - this links to the background of the story and the 'Great Depression'.
- ☹ Candy
- ☹ Curley's wife

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