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Of Mice and Men

Chapter 3

Reading and Reflection Questions

As always, answer IN COMPLETE SENTENCES on loose leaf or in a Word or Google Document file.

1. What is Slim's position at the ranch? (/1) How does this compare to Curley's? (/2)
2. List 4 facts that we learn about George and Lennie's past. (/4)
3. Describe Candy's relationship with his dog. (/3)
4. What happens to Candy's old dog? (/1) Briefly explain the circumstances. (/2) Who is responsible? (/1) How does Candy feel about it? (/1) What role does he play? (/1)
5. How do the men feel about Curley's wife? (/3)
6. How do the men feel about Crooks? (/1) Does Slim also feel this way? (/1) How do you know this? (/2)
7. What happens between Curley and Lennie? (/3)

REFLECT

In this chapter, we are fully exposed to the predatory nature of man. Both Slim and Carlson represent different factions of the "superior" man dominating those below them. Others are at the bottom of the hierarchy and experience a sense of powerlessness.

- a) List all of the characters and create your own hierarchy. Who is the most important/powerful person on the ranch? Who would you say is the least important/powerful? Explain briefly why you put each person in each spot. (/10)
- b) What **one** word would you use to define the life of a rancher? (/2)
- c) How do Lennie and George fit into this life - are they the same as everyone else or different? Explain. (/5)
- d) Why does George open up to Slim? (/3)
- e) How does their friendship compare to George's friendship with Lennie? (/3)