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### Of Mice and Men – Chapter 4 Follow-Up

#### 1. Sequencing

Put the following into the order in which they occurred in Chapter 4. (/3)

- a. Everyone goes into town.
- b. Candy, Lennie, and Crooks talk about buying a farm.
- c. Curley's wife interrupts their conversation.
- d. Crooks talks to Lennie about loneliness.
- e. George returns.
- f. Curley's wife threatens to have Crooks hanged.

#### 2. The Weak Ones (3 x /5)

Choose 3 of the following 5 topics and write out a response. You'll have to use evidence from the book as well as your own thoughts/reactions. Write well-structured paragraphs, as if this were an essay. (You don't have to write an essay-length response, but you will have to write essays at the conclusion of the book, so look at this as practice.)

- a. Why might we call Chapter 4 "The Weak Ones?"
- b. Who are the 'weak' characters in this chapter? Why are they weak?
- c. Are these weak characters at times cruel or mean to each other? Why?
- d. How do these characters attain power?
- e. What is the mood of the chapter?

#### 3. Titles (4 x /3)

Titles are often used to suggest the main idea or theme of a chapter. Can you think of an alternate title for Chapter 4? Provide your title as well as an explanation showing why you might choose this title.

Review chapters 1 to 3. What titles might you suggest for each of these chapters? Explain your reasoning for each.