

“Of Mice and Men” Comprehension Check

Chapter Three

1. What type of relationship is developing between Slim and George?
2. What secret does George tell Slim?
3. In what way is Lennie like a kid rather than an adult? Give an example.
4. Who is Crooks? How did he get his name?
5. Who shoots Candy's dog?
6. How was Slim like a judge?
7. How did his pass verdict on the dog?
8. There is symbolism in Candy's dog being shot. Tell how this incident is symbolic of Candy's own life on the ranch.
9. State what the atmosphere is like in the bunk house just before the gun shot rang out in the air.
10. Who is old Susy?
11. Who is Clara?
12. How much does Susy charge and how much does Clara charge?
13. How much money does Candy have saved?
14. How did Curley hurt his hand?
15. What story did he promise to tell about his injury? Why would he agree to go along with this lie?
16. Describe the scene where Lennie and Curley fought. Tell what or who started the fight, what happened, who stopped it, etc. Don't forget to include the lead-up.

Chapter Four

1. Write two sentences describing Crooks cabin.
2. Why didn't Candy go into town with the rest of the men?
3. Why didn't Lennie want to go?
4. Why do you think Crooks wasn't invited into town?
5. What does the manner in which Crooks is treated by the rest of the ranch hands say about prejudice or racism in the 1930's?
6. What did Crooks mean when he said to Lennie: "You got no right coming into my room"?
7. Why do you think Lennie walked into Crooks bunk, even though the other men at the ranch never went near there?
8. Why did Lennie get mad at Crooks?
9. Why do you think Crooks teased Lennie?
10. What does Crooks say will happen to Lennie if George doesn't come back?
11. How did Curley's wife know that Lennie was the one who broke Curley's hand?

12. What threat did she say to Crooks?
13. Name four of the animals which Candy states they are going to have someday on their farm.
14. What is so symbolic about Crooks at the end of the scene changing his mind about working on Lennie and George's farm?