**Of Mice and Men**

**Slang Vocabulary** **Glossary** (necessary for comprehension)- Copy this list into your notebook.

**bindle**: a bed roll and/or pack of personal belongings.

**jack**: money

**graybacks**: lice

**tick**: mattress

**buck**: a man

**buckler**: those who move or load heavy objects (sacks of grain, for example)

**skinner**: a driver of a draft (team of animals)

**tart**: prostitute

**mules**: shoes or slippers

**found**: free food and lodgings in addition to wages

**hoosegow**: jail

**hame**: part of the collar for a draft animal

**booby hatch**: insane asylum

**floozy**: cheap, immoral woman

**snooker**: a variation of pool played with 15 red balls and 6 balls of assorted colors

**John Steinbeck and *Of Mice and Men***

**Background Information** (copy into your notebook)

**John Steinbeck**

* 02/27/1902-12/20/1968
* Decided to be a writer at 14 and was an avid reader.
* Started college at Stanford University in 1919, but left before earning a degree.
* Was married three times, and had two sons
* Wrote 28 novels total
* Most famous works- *Tortilla Flat, The Grapes of Wrath, East of Eden*, and *Of Mice and Men*
* Focused on life of migrant workers mainly in California; and on the strength and determination of the human spirit.
* Received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1962.

**Of Mice and Men**

* Published in 1937
* Originally written as a play about the Great Depression; it was developed into an actual play soon after the book was published
* Both book and play were huge successes- earned the Pulitzer Prize in 1939
* Setting- 1930 during the Great Depression (2 locations- a stream close to the Salinas River, and a ranch near Soledad, California.

***Of Mice and Men* Character Chart**

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| **Character** | **Description** |
| **LENNIE SMALL** | **Mentally-handicapped large migrant worker who does not know his own strength. He loves soft things.** |
| **GEORGE MILTON** | **Migrant worker who is tasked with the responsibility of taking care of Lennie. He dreams of one day owning his own ranch, but struggles to make it a reality.** |
| **CANDY** | **“the swamper” an old one-handed handyman who persuades George to let him join their dream of owning a ranch.** |
| **CURLEY** | **Son of the ranch owner; mean little guy who is always picking fights with bigger men. He is extremely jealous of anyone who looks at or talks to his wife.** |
| **CURLEY’S WIFE** | **Curley’s “possession”. She is a tease, and attempts to get the other men’s attention, but she is just lonely and neglected by Curley.** |
| **SLIM** | **the compassionate and understanding leader of the team whom everyone respects. He becomes George’s ally, and helps protect Lennie when he gets in trouble with Curley** |
| **CARLSON** | **Insensitive ranch hand** |
| **CROOKS** | **Black stable hand who cares for the horses. He is isolated due to his color, but becomes friends with Lennie, and convinces him to let him join their ranch scheme.** |

**English 11**

***Of Mice and Men* Chronolog**

*As we encounter these events in the book, fill in the chronolog below with the plot information.*

George and Lennie leave Weed because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lennie likes to pet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

They are going to work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

George and Lennie want to buy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On the farm, Lennie will tend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

George and Lennie clash with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Curley jealously guards \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Slim gives Lennie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Carlson shoots \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Candy offers to help pay for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lennie crushes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Curley's wife threatens \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Curley's wife discovers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Curley's wife invites Lennie to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lennie breaks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lennie hides \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lennie is tormented by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

George steals Carlson's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For the last time, George tells Lennie about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

George kills \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_