



Of Mice and Men Driving Questions

Driving Questions	Initial Answer	Final Answer
What difficult events in the novel directly impact George and Lennie's friendship? Explain.	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
What characters have a positive impact on George and Lennie? What characters have a negative impact on them?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
Several characters in the story have "handicaps" or traits that hold them back or set them apart. What characters connect to the motif of "handicaps" in this novella? Explain.	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
George and Lennie often refer to their unique friendship and how it sets them apart because "I got you to look after me, and you got me to look after you ." How does their friendship impact their story?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:

George and Lennie repeatedly discuss their dream of owning "a little house and a couple of acres." How does the theme of the American Dream play a role in this novella through George and Lennie as well as other characters?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
What does the ending of this novella mean in connection to its central themes of friendship, the American Dream, and destruction? Explain.	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
How does the setting (a ranch in Soledad, California, during the 1930s Depression era) impact George and Lennie and the relationships that surround them?	Text evidence:	Text evidence: