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Study Guide

Chapters 1 and 2

1. Identify the following people by telling something important about each one.

a. Lennie _____

b. George _____

c. Curley _____

d. Slim _____

e. Carlson _____

f. Candy _____

g. Crooks _____

2. Why does Lennie like little mice, puppies, and rabbits? _____

3. a. When did George meet Lennie? _____

b. From his actions, how do you think George feels about Lennie? _____

c. Why do you think George takes care of Lennie? _____

4. Describe the dream that George and Lennie share? Be specific. _____

5. What did Lennie do in Weed to get in trouble? _____

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Chapters 3 and 4

1. Why doesn't Candy want to kill his dog? _____

Are Candy's feelings understandable? Have you ever felt very attached to an old or sick animal that had to be put to sleep? Explain your feelings. _____

Why does Candy say later on that he should have shot his dog himself and not let a stranger do it? _____

2. Why did Curley pick on Lennie? _____

Describe Curley's main problem in your opinion. _____

Why didn't Lennie fight back at first when Curley hit him? _____

What happened to Curley as a result of picking on Lennie? _____

3. How does Crooks react to Lennie's appearance at the door of his room? _____

Crooks says people at the ranch don't like him because _____

Crooks invites Lennie to stay and talk with him because _____

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Chapters 5 and 6

1. What things does Lennie do or say that show he is mentally retarded? List at least three specific acts or incidents. _____

2. a. Is George's treatment of Lennie fair? Explain. _____

b. Is George's treatment of Lennie understandable? Explain. _____

c. Could he have helped him more? How? _____

3. How do these characters treat Lennie and why? Give one incident for each that shows his/her treatment of Lennie.

a. Candy _____

b. Curley's wife _____

c. Crooks _____

What do they all have in common? (Why do they all talk to him?) _____

4. Why does Lennie kill the puppy and later the girl? _____

5. Do you think Lennie had to be shot? What were some other alternatives? What would have happened to Lennie if George hadn't shot him? _____

6. How is the killing of Lennie similar to the killing of Candy's dog? Why do you think George killed Lennie himself instead of letting the men do it? _____

