

'Of Mice and Men' Revision Essay

Write about the episode where Lennie and Curley fight, exploring:

- ◇ Your response as a reader
- ◇ What the episode reveals about the characters
- ◇ How it relates to other parts of the novel and why it is important in the novel as a whole

Or

Read the extract from the novel, starting, 'At that moment a young man came into the bunk house' and ending with 'and his elbows were still bent out a little' on pages 26-27. what is interesting about this extract in relation to the rest of the novel? You might want to consider its importance in terms of:

- ◇ What it reveals about the characters
- ◇ What it adds to the exploration of themes
- ◇ What it shows about Steinbeck's narrative style

Or

The novel begins and ends in the clearing in the woods. Write about the ways in which the beginning and ending are linked and how you respond to the ending as a reader.

When Lennie has killed Curley's Wife, George says 'I should of knew ... I guess maybe way back in my head I did.' How does Steinbeck show that Lennie was always going to get into serious trouble?

Write about:

- ◇ What Lennie is like
- ◇ The things that Lennie does
- ◇ How Lennie behaves with other characters
- ◇ How Steinbeck shows that Lennie's death is unavoidable

Or

How does Steinbeck portray the character of Crooks in the episode in the lean-to, when Lennie comes to talk to him (starting on p71). What does this episode add to your understanding of him as a character?

Or

How does Steinbeck present Curley's wife after her death? How does he present her earlier in the novel? What is your personal response to Steinbeck's presentation of Curley's wife in the novel as a whole?