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# OF MICE AND MEN

## Reading Questions

**Directions:** Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences below.

### Chapter 1

1. The author John Steinbeck compares Lennie to two different animals. Name these animals and state the author's reason for the **similes**.
2. Explain the **connection** between Lennie's mouse and what happened in Weed.
3. Explain the **relationship** that exists between George and Lennie based on Chapter 1 of the book. Why do you think George stays with Lennie and looks after him?
4. **Cite examples** from the text that **support** the conclusion that Lennie is like a child.
5. Give three examples of **foreshadowing** (a hint of what will happen later in the story) in this section.

### Chapter 2

1. Describe the **setting** of the ranch and bunkhouse. **Cite evidence** from the book in your explanation.

2. What is Candy's **opinion** of Curley's wife? Does it seem justified? Explain.
3. What were the **two reasons** why Carlson wanted Candy's dog to be put to sleep?
4. **Foreshadowing** plays an important part in this chapter. What do you think is going to happen between Curley and Lennie? What about Candy's dog?

### **Chapter 3**

1. What does George's conversation with Slim **reveal** about his past treatment of Lennie?
2. What **reasons** does Carlson give for wanting Candy's dog shot? There are **similarities** between Candy and his dog and George and Lennie. In a paragraph explain the **similarities**.
3. What **comparisons** does Candy make between his own condition and his dog's? How does this relate to the idea of **mercy killing** (the act of putting a person or animal to death painlessly or allowing them to die on their own terms)?
4. What does Lennie's fight with Curley show the ranch hands? What does this **foreshadow** about future **conflicts**?