

Chapter 4

1. What does the description of the **setting** of Crooks' room **reveal** about its occupant?
2. **Interpret** why Crooks taunts Lennie and tries to make him believe that George is going to get hurt and leave him.
3. How do Crooks' words to Lennie about **loneliness** reinforce this **theme** of the novel?
4. What do all the people who came into Crooks' room have in **common**? Which one of them do you think is the most unfortunate? Explain your answer.
5. **Criticize** Curley's wife and what she's doing to the ranch hands. Is she trying to purposely cause trouble or is she just bored?

Chapter 5

1. In what ways is Curley's wife also a **dreamer**? Why do you think Curley's wife stays with him even after she says she doesn't like him anymore?

2. Who is truly the **victim** in this story, Lennie or Curley's wife?
3. **Compare** and **contrast** what happened to the girl in Weed to what happened in the barn with Curley's wife.

Chapter 6

1. Should Lennie be held **accountable** for Curley's wife's death? Explain your answer.
2. **Compare** and **contrast** George and Candy and their situations with Lennie and the mutt.
3. What do you **predict** would have happened if George turned Lennie into the guys instead of shooting him?
4. Explain the **significance** of the last line in the novel.