

Tenbury High Ormiston Academy
English Department



Year 9 Homework Booklet:
'Of Mice and Men'

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TEACHER:

TASK 1 DUE:

TASK 2 DUE:

TASK 3 DUE:

TASK 1: Research Project

Research the following topics. Present your research as either a booklet, poster(s) or selection of mind maps.

- John Steinbeck
 - Brief overview of his life
 - Inspiration and motivation for writing 'Of Mice and Men'
- The Great Depression
 - Wall Street Crash - what it was, what happened and what caused it
 - How long the depression lasted and what life was like during it
 - Work cards and soup kitchens
 - Unemployment
 - 'Hooverilles'
- The American Dream
 - What it was and what it meant to people
 - What people wanted to achieve and why (particularly migrant workers)
- Migrant workers in 1930s America
 - Life for an itinerant/migrant worker on farm ranches
 - Dust bowls - what they were, what happened, and the effects of them

TASK 2: Key words

Learn the spelling for the key words and define what the words mean (you can use a dictionary to help you but make sure you put the definition into your own words).

	Word	Meaning
G R E E N	Context	
	Power	
	Loneliness	
	Imagery	
	Symbol	
	Novella	
	Foreshadow	
A M B E R	Cyclical	
	Corruption	
	Derogatory	
R E D	Predatory nature	
	Romanticised	
	Crux	
	Microcosm	

TASK 3: Put yourself in their shoes!

Choose **one** of the speech tasks below. Plan and write your speech, ready to share with the class.

<p style="text-align: center;">George</p> <p>You have just shot Lennie. Write the text to a speech in which you explain your thoughts and feelings at this point in the novella. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Justify your actions: why did you shoot Lennie? Was it the right thing to do? Do you regret it?- What do you hope for in your life from this point onwards?	<p style="text-align: center;">Curley's Wife</p> <p>All the men have gone out to town and you are left alone in your house Write the text to a speech in which you explain your thoughts and feelings at this point in the novella. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Why you married Curley and what you hoped for in marrying him- How you feel about your life- Why you seek attention from other workers- What you wish for
<p style="text-align: center;">Crooks</p> <p>Lennie has just been to visit you in your room. Write the text to a speech in which you explain your thoughts and feelings at this point in the novella. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How you feel about your treatment as an adult (could compare to how you were treated as a child)- Why you were cruel to Lennie- What does your version of the American Dream look like and why?	<p style="text-align: center;">Candy</p> <p>You have just been forced to shoot your dog and you are hoping that one day you may be able to buy a small farm with George and Lennie. Write the text to a speech in which you explain your thoughts and feelings at this point in the novella. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How you feel about your life until this point- Why you shot your dog and how this made you feel- How you feel about joining George and Lennie's dream