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**DIRECTIONS:** On a separate piece of paper rewrite these questions and answer each of them in two or three sentences. Once you are finished attach **this page only** to the front and hand your work in for marking. Each question is worth 2 marks.

### Chapter 1

1. Describe where the story begins.
2. How does the author quickly show that Lennie is dependent on George?
3. What do the little girl's dress in Weed and the dead mouse in his pocket have in common for Lennie?
4. How does George feel his life would be different if he didn't have to look out for Lennie? Why does he keep him around?
5. Why do George and Lennie feel they are different from other men?
6. What is the importance of their plan to get their own place and "Live off the fatta the lan'?"

### Chapter 2

7. What does the boss suspect George is doing talking for Lennie? Why does he suspect this?
8. What is Curley's reaction when he first meets Lennie?

9. Curley says, “Oh, so it's that way...” and when George replies, “Yeah, it's that way,” why is that significant?
10. What are two reasons why everybody is afraid of Curley?
11. Why does Curley wear a glove full of Vaseline on his left hand? Why does Curley brag about it?
12. How does George react to the story about Curley’s glove? What does his reaction say about his character?
13. When Candy talks about Curley's wife for the first time, what does he imply about her?
14. What two things does George tell Lennie to do about Curley?
15. What is the first impression of Curley’s wife? Why?
16. What is ironic about Lennie’s last name?
17. What insight does Slim mention about George and Lennie travelling together?
18. When Curley comes back looking for his wife, how does he look at George?
19. What is the significance of George's reply to Curley, “I didn't watch her go.”

### Chapter 3

20. What does George admit to doing to Lennie when they were younger?
21. What is Lennie trying to hide when he comes into the bunkhouse and lies down?
22. Why does Carlson want to shoot Candy's dog? Is he doing it for selfish reasons or compassionate ones?
23. What does Carlson have to be reminded to take with him when he shoots the dog?
24. Why is it significant that Slim volunteers to put tar on the mule's foot?
25. Where does George get invited to?
26. Why does George decide to go to the brothel for a drink and nothing else?
27. Where does Curley go after he comes in looking for his wife?
28. What comment does Whit make about Slim after Curley leaves?
29. Why does George keep questioning Lennie about what he saw in the barn?
30. Why would Candy want to be a part of George and Lennie's venture?
31. What is the dreamed of farm a symbol of?

32. How does Candy show that he is interested in the farm and trusts George?
33. Candy says, "I ought to have shot that dog myself, George. I shouldn't ought to have let no stranger shoot my dog." What does this statement foreshadow?
34. Why does Curley attack Lennie?
35. How does Lennie react to Curley's attack?
36. What does Lennie's reaction to Curley's attack say about his fundamental nature?
37. How does Lennie hurt Curley?
38. How is it arranged so that George and Lennie won't get fired?

#### **Chapter 4**

39. Why do you think Crooks wasn't invited into town with the rest of the men?
40. Why does Crooks say to Lennie, "You got no right coming into my room?"
41. What does Crooks reveal about racism in the 1930s?
42. If George doesn't come back, what does Crooks say will happen to Lennie?
43. How did Curley's wife find out that Curley's hand was broken by Lennie?

44. Why is Curley's wife always wandering around the ranch, looking for men?
45. When Crooks wants Curley's wife to leave, how does she react?
46. What does she threaten to do?
47. Name four of the animals Candy says they will have on the farm.
48. Crooks changes his mind about working on George and Lennie's farm. What is this symbolic of?

## **Chapter 5**

49. How and why did Lennie's puppy die?
50. Who comes to visit Lennie while he is in the barn?
51. What does this visitor complain about to Lennie?
52. Where were the rest of the men while Lennie and Curley's wife were in the barn?
53. Why doesn't Curley's wife have a name? What reason might the author have for this?
54. Why did she marry Curley, especially since she didn't love him?
55. What does Lennie tell Curley's wife that he likes to do?

56. What does Curley's wife let him do?
57. What happens?
58. Where does Lennie run away to?
59. What is the significance when the pigeon flies out of the barn?
60. Why does the shepherd cringe when she smells the scent of Curley's wife?
61. After learning what happened, what does George decide to do about Lennie?
62. Why does he make this decision?
63. Now what does George say he will do with his life?
64. Why does he decide this now? Does he need to?
65. Who does Candy blame for what has happened?
66. Why? Is he correct?
67. What does Curley specifically state that he will do to Lennie? Why is this important to understanding his character?

68. What must George do now? How does Slim contribute to this decision?
69. How does Slim try to convince Curley not to go on the chase?
70. What is Curley's reaction, and why?
71. What does Curley demand of George, and why?

## **Chapter 6**

72. Lennie has hallucinations while he is hiding and waiting for George. What visions does he see?
73. How does George distract Lennie while he prepares to kill him?
74. George admits something to Lennie, something he had never admitted before. What is it?
75. What are George's feelings about his part in what has happened to Lennie?