

# *Of Mice & Men*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you think that Curly's wife is never named? What can you infer from her lack of a proper title?
2. Do you believe that Curly's wife is responsible for Lennie's death? Explain your opinion.
3. Should George be considered responsible for the murder of Curly's wife? Does his knowledge of Lennie's potentially dangerous reaction to certain things make him partially to blame for the death of Curly's wife?
4. John Steinbeck originally titled this novella "The Thing That Happened." How does his original title compare with the one he chose? How might each title impact your interpretation of the story?



9. Many of the sections in the novella begin with lengthy descriptions of the scenery. How do Steinbeck's openings affect the mood of the story? What do you think his descriptions symbolize?

10. What might Curly's mangled hand and Candy's missing hand symbolize in the novella?

11. Identify and explain another important symbol in the book.

12. What role does foreshadowing play in the novella?