

Of Mice and Men questions 2012-2019

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| June 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does John Steinbeck use the character of George to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s? • 'American society in the 1930s robbed people of their ability to form important relationships.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? |
| Jan 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does John Steinbeck use the character of Curley to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s? • Or, 'Animals and the natural world are important in Steinbeck's portrayal of 1930s America in <i>Of Mice and Men.</i>' To what extent do you agree with this statement? |
| May 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does John Steinbeck use the character of George to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s? • Or, 'American society in the 1930s robbed people of their ability to form important relationships.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? |
| Jan 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'In Curley's wife, Steinbeck has created a character who brings all her troubles on herself.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? Remember to support your answer with reference to the novel and to comment on its social, historical and cultural context. • Or, The world of the ranch in <i>Of Mice and Men</i> is a difficult place for weak or vulnerable people. How does Steinbeck show this in the novel? Remember to support your answer with reference to the novel and to comment on its social, historical and cultural context. |
| May 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the relationship between George and Lennie presented in <i>Of Mice and Men</i>? Remember to support your answer with reference to the novel and to comment on its social, cultural and historical context. • Or, 'Dreams in <i>Of Mice and Men</i> offer the characters nothing but false hope.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? Remember to support your answer with reference to the novel and to comment on its social, cultural and historical context. |
| Jan 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how John Steinbeck uses the character of Crooks to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s. • Or, To what extent does violence, or the threat of violence, affect relationships in <i>Of Mice and Men</i>? Remember to support your answer with reference to the novel and to comment on its social, historical and cultural context. |
| May 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how John Steinbeck uses the character of Lennie to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s. • Or, 'Real friendship is impossible in the grim world John Steinbeck creates in <i>Of Mice and Men.</i>' To what extent do you agree with this statement? Remember to refer to the social, historical and cultural context of the novel in your answer. |
| Jan 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show how John Steinbeck uses the character of Curley to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Or, 'There are no heroes in Of Mice and Men.' How far do you agree with this statement? Remember to refer to the novel's social, cultural and historical context in your answer. |
| May 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does John Steinbeck use the character of Candy to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s? Or, How does John Steinbeck present the harsh world of the ranch in Of Mice and Men? Remember to support your answer with reference to the novel and to comment on its social, historical and cultural context. |
| Jan 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does John Steinbeck use the character of Curley's wife to highlight some aspects of American society in the 1930s? Or, 'Of Mice and Men is Steinbeck's protest against the unfairness of American society in the 1930s.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? |
| May 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is the character of Crooks important to the novel as a whole? Or, 'Dreams do the characters more harm than good in Of Mice and Men.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? |
| Jan 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is the relationship between George and Lennie presented in Of Mice and Men? Or, 'Most of the characters in Of Mice and Men lack the strength of character to change their lives.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? |
| Jan 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Every character in Of Mice and Men can be regarded as a victim of one sort or another." For which character do you think this is most true? Show how John Steinbeck presents your chosen character as a victim. Or, How are animals important in Of Mice and Men? |
| May 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is the character of Curley important to the novel as a whole? Or, In the novel Of Mice and Men, Slim says, 'Maybe ever'body in the whole damn world is scared of each other.' Show how John Steinbeck creates an atmosphere of fear and suspicion in the novel. |
| Jan 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imagine you are Slim. At the end of the novel you think back over what has happened since George and Lennie arrived at the ranch. Write down your thoughts and feelings. Remember how Slim would speak when you write your answer. Or, Show how Steinbeck presents the theme of friendship in Of Mice and Men. |
| May 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does John Steinbeck create sympathy for Lennie in Of Mice and Men? Or, How does John Steinbeck present different types of strength and weakness in Of Mice and Men? |