

## Chapters Five and Six

## **Chapter Five**

1. What happens to Lennie's puppy?

2. Why is Lennie angry at his puppy? Is Lennie's arguments valid? What does this tell us about Lennie?

3. How does Lennie feel about what happened to the puppy and what is he worried about?

4. Why is Lennie reluctant to talk to Culey's wife?

5. Why does Culey's wife continue talking to Lennie, despite Lennie's protests? What reasons does she give for wanting to talk to him?

6. Explain what happened to Curley's wife that led her to meet and quickly marry Curley.

7. How is this conversation similar to when Crooks talked to Lennie?

8. Has your thoughts about Curley's wife changed from the last chapter? Is Curley's wife a static or dynamic character? Explain.

8. What does Lennie tell Curley's wife about velvet? What does Curley's wife suggest that Lennie do when she learns about his love of soft things?

10. Why does Lennie become angry with Curley's wife? What happens as a result?

11. When Lennie runs away, he takes the dead puppy with him, saying, "I'll throw him away...it's bad enough like it is." What does this show us about his mental state?

12. Where does Lennie go?

13. Who finds Curley's wife?

14. Why does George tell Candy to wait until he is gone before calling in the other men?

15. What does Candy now realize that makes him particularly angry towards Curley's wife?

16. When all of the ranchers enter the barn, which one of them inspects Curley's wife's neck? What does this show us?

17. What does Curley say he going to do to Lennie?

18. Why is Candy so upset at the end of this chapter?

Find two quotes that you feel are significant. *Explain its significance*. Supports the theme, reveals characters characterization, symbol, metaphor, simile, etc. *8 Points* 

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## Chapter 6

1. Other than the death of the puppy at the beginning of chapter 5, what clues have there been throughout the book that lead up to Lennie's killing of Curley's wife?

2. How is the first scene in the story? In what ways has the story come full circle?

3. As Lennie is hiding, waiting for George, he has two hallucinations. Describe the two separate hallucinations and explain how each are meaningful to Lennie and the reader.

4. How did George get a gun?

5. What is George's intention in telling Lennie the "story" again at this point?

6. Why does George do what he does? How does this relate to what happened to Candy's dog?

7. Do you think Lennie was expecting what George does? Why or Why not?

8. How does George lie about the circumstances of what happened to Lennie? What would happen if he told the truth? How does Slim feel about what happened?

9. At the end of the book, Carlson said, "Now what the hell ya suppose is eatin' them two guys?" Why is this question important to the themes of the novel? What doesn't Carlson understand?

10. Do you think George's "dream dies?" Predict what George will do with the rest of his life?

Explain why George you agree with George's decision. Use examples and evidence to support your position.

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