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Chapter One & Two

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Chapter One

1. Where does the story begin? Describe the setting. What is the narrator's tone? What mood is established?
2. Describe the two men. How are they different physically? How are they different mentally?
3. Why doesn't George want Lennie to drink the water?
4. Why does Lennie have a dead mouse in his pocket? What does this tell us about him?
5. To where are George and Lennie headed?
6. Where are George and Lennie coming from? What happened there?
7. How are George and Lennie different than other ranch hands? What is the relationship between the two men? Why do you think George takes care of Lennie? **Cite a line of text from the chapter that supports your statement.**
8. What does George tell Lennie to do when they get to where they are going?

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9. When Lennie goes out to get wood for a fire, what does he bring back?

10. Why did Aunt Clara give Lennie a rubber mouse? Why didn't he like it?

11. A) How is George resentful of Lennie? B) Why, do you suppose, George hasn't left Lennie? C) Does George really want to get rid of Lennie?

12. What dream do George and Lennie share?

13. Why do George and Lennie feel they are different from other men?

14. Where does George tell Lennie to go if he gets in trouble? Why do you think George makes it a point to be sure Lennie understands this?

15. Despite being slow, Lennie knows how to make George feel guilty. Describe two situations in which Lennie manipulates George and makes him feel bad. What does this reveal about their relationship?

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16. You may have noticed that Steinbeck uses a lot of slang—even some curse words and foul language. Why do you think Steinbeck does this? What effect does the use of this language have on the way the story is told? How might the story be different if Steinbeck avoided this technique?

Find three quotes that you feel are significant. *Explain its significance.* Supports the theme, reveals characters characterization, symbol, metaphor, simile, etc. 6 Points

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Chapter 2

1. The last guy who slept in George's bunk just up and "quit the way a guy will." What does this show us about the lifestyle of the ranch man?
2. What does George find in the box by his bed and what does he assume?
3. What unusual habits did Whitney have?
4. Whom did the boss punish because George and Lennie were late? Why?
5. What was the boss's Christmas gift to the men? What did they do for fun that night? What's the significance of this?
6. Why does George answer all the questions directed to Lennie?
7. Why is the boss suspicious of George? How does George explain his relationship with Lennie? Why do you think George lies?
8. Describe Curley.
9. How does Curley react to Lennie's silence? Why does Curley automatically hate Lennie?
10. What does Curley think about George and Lennie travelling together?
11. What does the swamper mean by the statement: "Curley's pretty handy"?
12. Describe Curley's wife. Why do you suppose Curley chose his wife to marry? What's ironic about this decision?

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13. Why does George warn Lennie to stay away from Curley? What does George tell Lennie to do if there is trouble?

14. What uneasy feeling does George have about Curley's wife?

15. Describe Slim. What does Slim say about guys traveling together?

16. What happened to Lulu's puppies? How is this significant?

17. What is Carlson's problem with Candy's dog?

18. Of all the characters in this chapter, which one do you like the best and **why**?

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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