

Of Mice and Men

Final Project

This project will consist of three components: You can choose between the theme poster and characterization t-shirt to do with a partner of your choice, however as a group your project should not only be completed but above and beyond of what is being asked.

Presentations should be prepared beforehand.

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| 1) Characterization T-shirt | 20 Points |
| 2) Theme Poster | 30 Points |
| 3) Argumentative Essay _____ | 50 Points |

Total: 100 Points

Characterization T-Shirt: Choose one character from *Of Mice and Men* and identify aspects of their character used by the author use of characterization and literary elements.

Front of T-Shirt

- Novel's title and author
- Character's name
- Picture of character
- Quote from or about the character with pg number

Back of T-Shirt

Summary of the character:

- Internal/External Conflicts
- Static/Dynamic Character (Explanation in presentation)
- Round/Flat Character (Explanation in presentation)

- Example of direct characterization
- Example of indirect characterization
- Identify their ideas or beliefs
- Identify their vision of hope (or lack thereof)
- Identify significant actions
- Identify significant feelings

Right Sleeve

- Identify Strengths

Left Sleeve

- Identify Weaknesses

Theme Poster: Identify **one theme** that is evident in *Of Mice and Men*. Explain the importance of this theme and how it connects to **three examples** from the characters, plot, and/or setting of the novel. You must have **one image/symbol that represents each of the examples and a detailed explanation for each.** You must also explain why this theme is an important universal lesson to learn.

Example: *Loneliness is a common topic from the novel and what we learn is that loneliness can have negative effects. Some examples from the novel are Crooks mental capacity, Curley's wife's need for attention—too trusting*

Choose one of the following topics and connect it to a lesson, creating a theme from the novel.

Respect	Intolerance	Loyalty	Self Interest	Friendship/Companionship
Self-Interest	Powerlessness	Hope	Dreams	Loneliness

Argumentative Essay: Answer the question: **Was George justified in killing Lennie?** Defend or opposes George's decision to kill Lennie.

Requirements

- Write a thesis that is **clear, logical, and arguable.**
- Support your opinion with at least **THREE** logical and convincing **reasons.**
- Develop those reasons with **details, examples, and/or analogies.** Use quotations from the text to support your reasoning.
- You must also include a rebuttal. Anticipate the reasons of the other side of the argument.
- Aim for 1.5 to 2 pages. Typed or hand written. If handwritten must be neat and professional. If typed must be 1.5 spaced. Only **hard copy NO EMAILS OR GOOGLE SHARES.**

Essay Structure:

- Introduction:**
 - Must hook the reader.
 - Give context of novel and situation at hand.
 - Move from general to specific. State thesis: Which position you take.
- Each Body Paragraph: (3)**
 - For each paragraph, focus on a supporting argument. Each must have a clear topic sentence and transitional devices, supporting examples/explanation, and a conclusion.
 - Order arguments from weakest to strongest.
 - Make concessions early so that you have time to refute them.
- Conclusion:**
 - Reiterate thesis and summarize main points.
 - Explain significance of issue (relate to reader).

Projects are due: Friday, February 2nd

You will pick numbers to determine the order of presentations.

You must wear your shirt on day of presentation—present shirt and poster.

Extra credit if you want to read your argument.

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