Freshman English

*Of Mice and Men*

Chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Double-Entry Journal

Overview:

Double-Entry journals are two-sided ledgers with quotations (concrete details) on the left and your commentary (reactions/thoughts) on the right.

* Select one quotation from each chapter that reveals meaning through the setting, characters, and/or themes.
* Use quotation marks and parenthetical citations for your text-based evidence.
* The commentary **MUST be AT LEAST 35** words in length. **Count your words!** Do not restate the concrete detail in your commentary column. Instead, explain the significance of the passage, examining how it is closely related to the story’s plot, characters, setting, symbolisms, figurative language, or themes.
* You may also reflect on particular questions that come to mind as you read that passage. These questions could also become part of your commentary.

Example entry: This is just ONE example. You may not use it as one of YOUR entries! Remember, you need

 to create one entry for each chapter using this format.

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| **Quotation and Page #** | **Commentary and Word Count** |
| **Chapter 1.** *“Everybody wants a little bit of land, not much. Jus’ som’thin that was his. Somethin’ he could live on and there couldn’t nobody throw him off of it.”* (76) | **Chapter 1.** Candy has lived a difficult life and has nothing to show for it. For him, land symbolizes independence from having to work for others and the freedom to live as he would like. George’s plan gives him hope that he will soon have the respect that comes from being self-sufficient. (51 words) |
| **Chapter 2.**  | **Chapter 2.**  |

* You should have a total of three double-entry journals all together, and a total of six entries.
* Each journal should be typed, and will be due after reading chapters 2, 4, and 6.
* I will show you how to set up a table in MS Word during class, but if you have any questions please see me during lunch on M,W, or F to help you set up your paper.
* I will not be printing your papers.
* *Copies cost 10 cents/page to print in the library.*
* *You may print them at home.*
* *You may choose to invest in a flash drive so that you can easily save and print from any computer here on campus. (RECOMMENDED, but not required)*
* *You may email your paper to me so that I have proof that you completed the assignment, but you will be required to turn in a typed copy to be graded.*

Joe Student

Mrs. Flory

English 9A Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Double-Entry Journal for *Of Mice and Men*

(Chapters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

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