Of Mice and Men—Study Guide Questions

**Directions:** You will answer the questions as we read the story. The questions must be answered in complete sentences and include the question in the answer (ex: Why did Bob go to the store? Bob went to the store because.). Please write your responses neatly on separate lined paper, and skip a line between each response.

# Chapter 1

# *Comprehension: If you insert a direct quote, be sure to cite it in correct MLA format!*

1. Physically describe Lennie and George. (1 -2 sentences/character) What's interesting about this contrast?
2. What is George’s first complaint to Lennie?
3. What trouble did George and Lennie have in the city of Weed?
4. What is in Lennie’s pocket? What reasons does he give for having it?
5. Lennie offers to go away and live in a cave. What is George’s response?
6. Why are George and Lennie different from the other “guys like us that work on ranches”?
7. What are George and Lennie going to do someday (what is their dream)?
8. What are George's instructions to Lennie when they meet the new boss? How does he justify these instructions to Lennie?
9. What does George tell Lennie to do if he gets in trouble?
10. Why did George want to camp overnight instead of going another quarter of a mile to the ranch?

***In-Depth:***

11. George acts like a parent (rather than an equal) to Lennie at times. Give at least three examples of this (use textual evidence and cite it correctly). Why do you suppose George assumes this role with Lennie? How does Lennie respond when George takes on a parental role?

12. George gets frustrated and yells at Lennie, saying, "if I was alone I could live so easy. I could go get a job an' work, an' no trouble." Why, do you suppose, George hasn't left Lennie? Does George really want to be rid of Lennie? Explain your answer in detail.