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Of Mice and Men Q&A Chapter 4

Directions: Choose five questions and write complete sentence answers.

1. Describe Crooks' living quarters.
2. How does Crooks initially greet Lennie? Why is Lennie there?
3. What is strange about Curley's wife's question: "Any you boys seen Curley?"
4. What upsets Lennie most about the conversation he has with Crooks? When does Crooks know that he has gone too far?
5. How does Curley's wife feel about her husband?
6. Why do Crooks and Curley's wife not believe Lennie and Candy's claims about getting their own land?
7. What is Curley's wife's intention if the men tell Curley where she has spent the evening? How does she know that everyone will believe her over Crooks, Lennie, and Candy?
8. What does the conversation between Crooks and Lennie reveal about Crooks? What is he trying to get Lennie to understand? Is Crooks justified in his attitude?
9. How do Curley's wife's actions and speech change or reinforce your opinion of her?
10. Is the loneliness Crooks and Curley's wife suffer more acute than that of the other ranchers? Why or why not?
11. With whom do you have the most sympathy in this chapter? Why?
12. Explain the significance of the author's wording in the following: "Crooks saw the danger as it approached him."
13. What is the effect of Crooks' repetition of the word "S'pose"? Why does Lennie not understand him?
14. Analyze the diction in the description of Curley's wife and Lennie's reactions to her. How are Lennie's reactions markedly different from those of Crooks and Candy?
15. Explain the significance of Curley's wife's comment, "Baloney! What you think you're sellin' me? Curley started som'pin' he didn' finish."
16. What is both ironic and metaphorical about Crooks's physical disability?
17. How does the description of Crooks's living quarters provide commentary, not just on the character, but on the historical and social climate of the novel's setting?
18. Compare the characters of Crooks and Curley's wife in this chapter.
19. For what reason(s) would the author have named every character in the novel except for Curley's wife?
20. Does the author successfully maintain sympathy for Lennie in this chapter? Why or why not?

Of Mice and Men Q&A Chapter 5

Directions: Choose five questions and write complete sentence answers.

1. What dramatic event has happened at the start of the chapter? How long is it before we know exactly how it happened?
2. What information do we learn about Curley's wife's dreams?
3. With what is Lennie most concerned throughout this chapter?
4. When Candy and George discover Curley's wife's body, what are their individual plans for what to do next? What are the primary concerns of each man?
5. Does any part of the conversation between Curley's wife and Lennie elicit sympathy for Curley's wife? Why or why not?
6. In what respects is Curley's wife to blame for her own demise?
7. When Candy asks George if they will still get the ranch, George replies, "I think I knowed from the very first. I think I knowed we'd never do her. He usta like to hear about it so much that I got to thinking maybe we would." In what way(s) might this change your opinion of George's previous iterations of the dream? Why or why not?
8. At what point in the chapter do you think George changes his mind about how to protect Lennie? What role does the Luger play in his plan for protection?
9. Analyze the significance of Lennie's word choice, "Why do you got to get killed?" regarding the dead puppy.
10. What is ironic about the differences between Lennie's reactions to the puppy's death and Curley's wife's death?
11. Trace the elements of foreshadowing in this chapter that suggest that something tragic is going to happen to Curley's wife.
12. What is Steinbeck suggesting by his description of Lennie's trying to conceal Curley's wife's body: "He pawed up the hay until it partly covered her." What is the overall effect of Steinbeck's word choice?
13. Compare Curley's wife's entrance into the barn with her entrance into the bunkhouse in Chapter 5. What is the effect of her entrances?
14. How does the story she tells about how she ended up marrying Curley reaffirm what we already know about her? How is her marriage to Curley ironic?
15. Explain the possible symbolism in Curley's wife's response, "Do not you worry none. He was jus' a mutt. You can get another one easy. The whole country is fulla mutts."
16. Compare and contrast Lennie's conflict with Curley's wife in this chapter with his conflict with Curley in Chapter 4.
17. In what ways are the reactions of the men on the ranch to Curley's wife's death different? Why is this significant?
18. Explain the significance of the theme of "meanness" in this chapter. How does this theme exist on dual levels in the novel?
19. What can we predict is likely to happen to Lennie in Chapter 6? On what do you base these predictions?
20. What dramatic function does the death of the puppy serve?