
Of Mice and Men Argument Essay Choices

by Steinglass and Holcomb

- 1) Was George justified in killing Lennie?
- 2) Was Curley's wife to blame for the incident in the barn?
- 3) If Lennie were alive in 2017, what should we do to help Lennie be a productive and helpful member of society? Compare and contrast your argument with the book's plot.
- 4) Why did the author have to kill off Lennie? In other words, how did the social norms of the ranch (and the reality of the setting of the Great Depression in the 1930's) prevent George, Lennie and Candy from achieving their dream?

5) *In what way can we resolve the problem of dehumanization on our campus? Use evidence from the book to support your argument.

* Essay prompt #5 should be the teacher - led model for the five - paragraph essay structure

Teacher Resources:

- Bakaus's Copy of Five Paragraph Essay slide show
- Holcomb's hand activity
- Steinglass's Fishbowl Thought Paradigm
- AVID's Socratic Seminar activity (if time -- Steinglass note)
- AVID's post - it higher - level thinking activity
- AVID's collaborative study group - Jen Russell (Kenzie's buddy)

