

## Of Mice and Men Human Library Project

### **TASK:**

Choose a topic connected to *Of Mice and Men* from the list given. Research the topic, create an array of visuals, and prepare a presentation to share your findings. Make it interactive and be creative!

### **STEPS:**

1. Research your topic.
2. While researching, keep track of the sites you visited in MLA format.
3. Create a Works Cited page based on the MLA documented sites.
4. Your project will need to consist of important and significant visuals. This could include pictures, charts, videos, costumes, poster boards, dioramas.
5. Include reader-friendly important facts throughout. Consider how people read and learn information in a short period. Long paragraphs are not effective for this purpose.
8. Create an original and creative oral presentation to effectively teach students about what you learned and think they should know. Make it interactive and meaningful.

### Presentation

- some sort of visual that can be set up at a desk/kiosk- e.g. Presentation Board, videos, interesting and viewer-friendly, slideshow
- will be a showcase/kiosk of the information that you learned – everyone will have a visual presentation which will be shared with the class in a small setting
- must be interesting, engaging, imaginative, and original
- there should important facts throughout (documented where they came from)

Topic	Guiding Questions
The American Dream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the American Dream?</li> <li>• What is the connection between the American Dream and literature?</li> <li>• Has the American Dream changed over time?</li> </ul>
The Great Depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the Great Depression?</li> <li>• Causes of the Stock Market Crash of 1929</li> <li>• How long did it last?</li> <li>• What were some of the causes? (economic and agricultural)</li> <li>• What was life like for workers during the Depression?</li> <li>• What were some of the problems with farming during the Depression, especially in the American west, including California?</li> </ul>
Dust Bowl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is it?</li> <li>• What caused it?</li> <li>• What were the effects of the Dust Bowl?</li> <li>• What was the economic impact?</li> </ul>
John Steinbeck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of birth/death</li> <li>• Childhood</li> <li>• Books Steinbeck wrote</li> <li>• Topics he was interested in</li> <li>• Biographical details</li> <li>• Awards he received</li> <li>• Themes he wrote about</li> </ul>
Migrant Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a migrant worker?</li> <li>• What led to someone becoming a migrant worker?</li> <li>• Where in California did migrant workers find jobs?</li> <li>• What would a typical day be like for a migrant worker be like?</li> <li>• What were typical salaries, benefits, and working conditions like for migrant workers?</li> </ul>
Adults with Developmental Delays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some of the symptoms of developmental delays?</li> <li>• What are some of the causes of developmental delays?</li> <li>• How were people with developmental delays treated, especially during the 1900s-1950s?</li> </ul>

<p>The Roaring Twenties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the period referred to as the Roaring Twenties?</li> <li>• How did the role of women change at this time? What is a flapper?</li> <li>• What is prohibition and what was its purpose?</li> </ul>
<p>Attempts to Censor Of Mice and Men</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is censorship?</li> <li>• How does censorship apply especially to schools and students?</li> <li>• Why has <i>Of Mice and Men</i> been challenged?</li> <li>• Did attempts to remove <i>Of Mice and Men</i> work?</li> </ul>
<p>Gender in the 1930s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did expectations for men and women differ in the 1930s?</li> <li>• What were working conditions like for women?</li> <li>• What were women's rights during this time?</li> </ul>
<p>Racial Discrimination in the 1930s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the status of black Americans at this time?</li> <li>• What were the political movements for black Americans?</li> <li>• How did unemployment affect people of different races?</li> </ul>
<p>Hollywood in the 1930s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was happening in Hollywood at this time?</li> <li>• Were there common themes in films?</li> <li>• Why is it considered the Golden Age?</li> </ul>
<p>New Deal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the New Deal?</li> <li>• Who is responsible for it?</li> <li>• What led to the New Deal?</li> <li>• What are the programs?</li> </ul>