

## Reading Journal

### **Task:**

You will be keeping a reading journal for the novel study *Of Mice and Men*. This will be completed in the provided notebook, which will remain in class. There are questions associated for each part of the novel, but you will be completing other work in your journal as well. Be sure to respond thoroughly, as this will be reviewed and evaluated before the end of the unit.

### **Part 1:**

1. What is the relationship between George and Lennie like?
2. Find examples of animal imagery throughout chapter one. Cite one using MLA and explain how it helps readers understand.
3. What is the meaning of the following phrase: "An' live off the fatta the lan"? How does this relate to the idea of the American Dream?
4. Speculate about what happened in Weed that caused them to leave. Predict what you think will happen in this story based on what happened before. What details do you base your prediction on?

### **Part 2:**

1. List three qualities in a good friend. After reading part 2, explain whether or not these apply to George and Lennie. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
2. Describe Curley's wife by focusing on her relationship with Curley and the men.
3. How might you compare the relationship between Lennie and George with Candy and his old dog?

### **Part 3:**

1. Everyone respects Slim, especially Candy for whom "Slim's opinions were law." Write down a few reasons why people respect someone. Explain why everyone respects Slim and how Slim is similar to or different from a person you respect.
2. How are women in this novel "dangerous"?

**Part 4:**

1. As you read, flag instances in which one character seems to dominate or take control of another. What makes this person stronger or weaker? Create a chart like the one below and fill it in either during reading or after reading this part.

<b>Strong Character</b>	<b>Verb</b>	<b>Weak Character</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Example: Person X	belittles	Person Y	To prove that he...

2. How are Crooks and Curley's wife parallel characters?

**Part 5:**

1. Why isn't Curley's wife named? Is she an evil woman?
2. How does Lennie respond to right and wrong?

**Part 6:**

1. What is foreshadowing? Having finished the book, what are some examples of foreshadowing throughout the novel?
2. Evaluate George's decision at the end of the novel. Do you agree with his decision? Why or why not?
3. What is the true meaning of friendship? How does George and Lennie's relationship fit this criteria?