**Chapter Three (part I)**

Why does George put himself down when talking to Slim?

What is the correlation between smarts and niceness?

Does George trust Slim? Why?

Do you believe George? Could Lennie have potentially raped the woman in Weed?

What are Carlson's reasons for shooting the dog versus Candy's reasons for not wanting to shoot the dog?

How are Candy and his dog similar?

Why does Curly's wife spend so much time around the men? What is she looking for?

Do you think she will find whatever she is looking for from any of the men on the ranch?

Who is most likely to fall for Curly's wife?

Why do minor characters, even Susy the prostitute, and the dog Lulu, have names, but not Curley’s wife?

George and Lennie's dream of owning their own land is becoming a reality. Lennie is obviously very excited - he has been waiting for his rabbits for a long time. How might George honestly feel about his dream actually being in reach?

When George and Lennie are talking about their dream, Lennie reacts violently to the hypothetical idea of the cat hurting the baby rabbits. What do we learn about Lennie through his reaction?

Why does he choose to keep it from Slim who we have seen him confide in before?

Carlson suggests Curly's wife has no place outside of the house. What does this say about his opinion on women? What does this say about the 1930's opinion on women?

Has this opinion changed since the 1930s? How so? How is is similar?

Who has the most power and influence on this ranch?

Respond to Lennie's reaction to the fight.

Would Lennie have fought back if George had not told him to?

**Chapter 4 Discussion Questions**

What are Crook's advantages/disadvantages as the only black man on the ranch?

Why does Crooks torture Lennie about potentially losing George?

Why might Crooks have a different relationship with Slim than the other men on the ranch?

Compare Crooks and Curly's wife (who are both secluded from the other characters).

Compare Crooks' attitude about George and Lennie's land on pages 76 and 83. How does his attitude change? Does it change?