**Chapter 5 Discussion Questions**

Lennie says "I done another bad thing". What bad thing do you think he is referring to? Do you think this is the type of bad thing George was anticipating?

Lennie discards the dead puppy to lessen the situation. What do you think his rationale is in doing this?

Why might Steinbeck wait until Curly's wife is dead to describe her in such a beautiful way?

How do you feel about Curley's wife after reading Chapter 5?

Is she more human to us as readers now that she is dead?

Why do George and Candy give up on their dream? Why can't they do it without Lennie?

How do you feel about Candy's reaction to Curly's wife's dead body? Why might he still cling to this idea of her as a tart?

What is your reaction to how Slim examines Curly's wife's body?

**Chapter 6 Discussion Questions**

Reactions to the ending of the book.

Reactions to the book as a whole.

What did you take away from *Of Mice and Men*?

Feelings, new thoughts/perspectives, ideas...

What parallels can you draw between the description on page 99 to the end of the chapter?

What do you think the significance is of Aunt Clara talking to Lennie (in his own voice)? The over-sized rabbit? What do you think was going through Lennie’s head as he envisioned that scenario?

Are Aunt Clara and the over-sized rabbit representative of other characters/opinions/voices from earlier in the book?

Chapter Six ends in the same location Chapter One began. How is the ending of the novel similar/different from the beginning of Chapter One?