

## Sophomore Honors Summer Reading Assignment 2022-2023

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

Your summer assignment is to read John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* and to complete the following writing task:

### Write Like Steinbeck: A New Chapter

Choose one of the following situations and create a new chapter for John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*.

#### Options:

- A) Create a scene when Slim offers Candy one of his new pups. This scene would take place before the arrival of George and Lennie.
- B) Create a scene between the Boss and Crooks the morning that George and Lennie are late reporting to work.
- C) Create a scene between Curley and his wife when he finally finds her after looking for her in Chapter 2.
- D) Create a scene to go at the end of Chapter 2 where George and Lennie have dinner for the first time with the other men on the ranch. Include some of the ranch men in your scene.
- E) Create a scene between Slim, George and Lennie when the puppy is given to Lennie right before Chapter 3.

#### Requirements for the original chapter:

1. You must use properly punctuated dialogue. Refer to the included visual for the punctuation rules.
2. The voice and style of the writing needs to follow the existing fictional text form to match the rest of the story.
3. You must write this in THIRD PERSON.
4. No derogatory language will be allowed.
5. The chapter must contain between 800 (min) and 1,200 (max) words— 2-3 pages
6. Be sure to check over spelling and punctuation and be sure dialogue is used correctly.
7. This paper must be typed, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, double spaced.

**This assignment will be collected on the first day of school.**

Periods and commas go inside the quotation marks.

"We should all go to the movies," Wesley said.

For a quotation within a quotation, use single quotes.

*Do I really love her?* he thought.

For interior dialogue, italics are appropriate.

"Have you read 'Hills Like White Elephants' yet?" he asked her.

If a quotation lasts more than one paragraph, use quotes only when the character is done speaking.

"That is," Wesley said, "that neither you nor me is her boy..."

When a tagline interrupts a sentence, it should be set off by commas.

...and in the end I didn't even love her.

I did think of marrying her, though."

