

Week 1 Assessment

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3. George and Lennie’s dream is to

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4. George tells Lennie that if he gets in trouble, he should

- A. fight like crazy to defend himself.
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5. Lennie is excited because George is going to ask Candy to give him

- A. a new bunk.
- B. a puppy.
- C. a rabbit.
- D. a rifle.

6. Lennie kills the mouse in his pocket
- A. by accident; he doesn't know his own strength.
 - B. for food; he is really hungry.
 - C. because he hates mice.
 - D. by drowning it when he's swimming in the river.
7. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order they happen in the novel:
- 1. George and Lennie are walking to their new job.
 - 2. George and Lennie arrive at the ranch and are assigned their bunks.
 - 3. Lennie and George meet Curley's wife.
 - 4. Lennie asks George to tell him about the ranch of their own they'll buy someday.
- A. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - B. 1, 3, 2, 4
 - C. 1, 4, 3, 2
 - D. 4, 1, 2, 3
8. The men on the ranch think that Curley's wife is
- A. incredibly ugly; they try to avoid her.
 - B. planning to run away from Curley.
 - C. pretty and probably "easy."
 - D. stuck up; she acts like she's too good for them.
9. The setting of the novel *Of Mice and Men* is
- A. a farm somewhere in the Midwest during the Depression.
 - B. a rabbit ranch in California, in the present day.
 - C. Central California during the Great Depression.
 - D. Salinas California in the 1950s.
10. The word *mollified* in the passage "'Damn right he don't,' said George, slightly *mollified*, 'not if he wants to stay workin' long,'" most closely means:
- A. pacified or calmed.
 - B. angered and "worked up."
 - C. married.
 - D. like a girl.

Week 2 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. "...George fell silent. He wanted to talk. Slim neither encouraged nor discouraged him. He just sat back quiet and *receptive*."

In the passage above, the word *receptive* indicates that Slim is

- A. a good listener.
 - B. arranging a new life for Lennie.
 - C. bored.
 - D. planning to take something from George.
2. In the sentence "When Candy spoke they both jumped as though they had been caught doing something *reprehensible*," the word *reprehensible* most closely means:
- A. funny.
 - B. secret.
 - C. sexual.
 - D. terrible.
3. "And he had books, too; a tattered dictionary and a mauled copy of the California civil code for 1905."

In the sentence above, the best antonym for the word *mauled* would be:

- A. damaged.
 - B. new.
 - C. organized.
 - D. well-read.
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
- 1. Candy, George, and Lennie decide to go in on a farm together.
 - 2. Curley picks a fight with Lennie.
 - 3. Lennie tells Crooks about the rabbits and the farm.
 - 4. Slim asks Lennie to stop playing with the pups so much.
- A. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - B. 1, 4, 3, 2
 - C. 4, 1, 2, 3
 - D. 4, 3, 2, 1

5. Curley's hand is damaged when
 - A. he attacks Lennie, and Lennie crushes his hand.
 - B. he falls off of his horse.
 - C. he gets it caught in a dangerous machine.
 - D. he has a fight with his wife, and she burns him with a hot frying pan.
6. The author of *Of Mice and Men* is
 - A. Francisco Jimenez.
 - B. John Steinbeck.
 - C. S. E. Hinton
 - D. William Golding.
7. Crooks sleeps in the harness room instead of the bunkhouse because
 - A. he has a better job than the other men.
 - B. he is black.
 - C. he is unable to walk out of the stables.
 - D. he snores loudly.
8. George and Lennie might be able to buy the farm they've always wanted because
 - A. Candy has offered to pay for most of it if they let him live there.
 - B. Lennie is going to get regular social security payments under the New Deal government.
 - C. Lennie's aunt died and left him a lot of money in her will.
 - D. they have been hired to do a special job that will pay \$600.
9. Curley starts a fight with Lennie because
 - A. he believes Lennie has been flirting with his wife.
 - B. he thinks Lennie is laughing at him.
 - C. he wants to prove that he can beat Lennie up, even though Lennie is the larger man.
 - D. Lennie insults his wife by saying she's ugly.
10. Candy didn't want to shoot his dog because
 - A. he doesn't know how to use a gun.
 - B. he is afraid of getting in trouble with PETA.
 - C. he loves the dog, even though it has rabies.
 - D. the old crippled dog reminds him of himself.

Final Assessment

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3. "She was breathless with *indignation*."

In the sentence above, the word *indignation* most closely means:

- A. an upset stomach.
- B. anger or displeasure.
- C. excitement and happiness.
- D. running or exercise.

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6. Crooks' attitude toward the men buying a farm together is
 - A. desperate; he is angry that they won't let him join them.
 - B. negative; he says it will never happen.
 - C. positive; he says he would like to join them if they're willing to have him.
 - D. scornful; he doesn't see the point of owning your own land.
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8. Curley's wife is found by
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 - B. Crooks.
 - C. Curley.
 - D. George.
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10. George goes to find Lennie by himself because
 - A. he is afraid that Curley will lynch Lennie without a trial if he finds him first.
 - B. he is going to help Lennie escape.
 - C. he knows that Lennie will die if he has to go to prison.
 - D. he wants to congratulate him on making Curley's wife shut up.

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- A. fight like crazy to defend himself.
 - B. go with the police without any fuss; George knows a good lawyer.
 - C. hide in the brush until George comes to find him.
 - D. run into the mountains, and live in a cave.
12. In the passage “She *consoled* him. “Don’t you worry none. He was jus’ a mutt. You can get another one easy. The whole country is fulla mutts,” the word *consoled* most closely means:
- A. comforted.
 - B. hit.
 - C. scolded.
 - D. told.
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- A. Curley’s wife tells him to.
 - B. he can’t afford to feed it.
 - C. he is too rough when playing with it.
 - D. he was mad at it for biting him.
15. Lennie runs away from the ranch
- A. because Curley’s wife has threatened to turn him in for rape.
 - B. because he is afraid that George won’t like him any more.
 - C. because he is excited about buying the new farm.
 - D. because he knows he’ll be in trouble for killing Curley’s wife.

16. Lennie strokes Curley's wife's hair when
- A. she invites him to see how soft and nice it is.
 - B. she isn't looking; he wants to know what it feels like.
 - C. the other men dare him to touch her.
 - D. they are kissing.
17. Place the following events in chronological order:
- 1. Curley's wife finds Lennie in the barn, and sees what he has done.
 - 2. George shoots Lennie in the head.
 - 3. Lennie accidentally kills a puppy.
 - 4. Lennie holds Curley's wife and strokes her hair.
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20. While waiting for George by the river, Lennie imagines he sees
- A. a giant talking rabbit and his mother.
 - B. Aunt Clara and a talking rabbit.
 - C. Aunt Clara and Curley's dead wife.
 - D. heaven, where there are talking rabbits.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. D
8. C
9. C
10. A

Week 2 Assessment

1. A
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. D

Final Assessment

1. A
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. A
8. A
9. A
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. D
14. C
15. D
16. A
17. C
18. B
19. C
20. B