

**Of Mice and Men**  
By John Steinbeck  
English III Summer Assignment



Hello 11<sup>th</sup> graders! This is your summer assignment. You may find a copy of this book at the local library, local book store, or online.

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### **LITERARY RESPONSE JOURNAL**

#### **DIRECTIONS & SPECIFICATIONS:**

- You must have a MINIMUM one paragraph long response for EACH chapter of this book. This would
- Each paragraph must be AT LEAST 5 full sentences long.
- You MUST construct these in MLA format. No other format will be accepted.
- Each response must be clearly labeled for each chapter.
- Be sure to keep these all together in a running document. You will be submitting these to Turnitin.com. This is a plagiarism checker, so make sure all of your work is original and your own!
- NO SUMMARIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Your journal responses may include:

1. Character development observations
2. Questions you are left with after reading the chapter
3. Predictions for the rest of the book based on this chapter
4. Text observations
5. Theme development observations
6. Setting development observations
6. Personal connections to the text for each chapter
7. Real-life connections to the text for each chapter

### **Book Review**

You must write a review of the book. This must be 250 words in MLA format. It will be the last page of your running document. In this review, you must state the following:

- Did you like the book? Why or why not?
- Why did you like or not like the book?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was your favorite scene? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to someone else?

\*You MUST complete all parts of the above assignment for a full grade. It will be DUE the first day of school. DO NOT rely on SparkNotes, eNotes, CliffNotes, etc.. YOU WILL FAIL!!!!\*

### **IN-CLASS DISCUSSION** (separate grade)

- There will be a class discussion 1 first week of school.
- The class discussion will be a test grade.
- You must come to class prepared to answer questions and discuss events from the book.
- You will be required to refer to the text during the discussion.

\*IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ THIS NOVEL OVER THE SUMMER!!

\*\*There will be a TEST on this book during the first 2 weeks of class.

If you have any questions, just email [mcardo@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mcardo@pasco.k12.fl.us).