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Going out of Your way to Help Others

People tend to always go out of their way for others because they care about helping people. People put their family and community before themselves to be a better person. By doing this people will feel better and cared for. The author, John Steinbeck, shows this message through his characters Lennie and George. This essay will show how the book "Of Mice and Men" displays the theme, go out of your way to help others, and how it is shown through the characters relationships.

George showed he loves and cares for Lennie when he did everything he could to take care of him such as: finding somewhere he could stay while he provided for them, he did not just leave him in the woods to care for himself, and trying to help Lennie get a job. When George tried getting a job so he could provide for Lennie, he made sure Lennie had somewhere to stay instead of just telling him to wait. No matter what George was doing he always thought of Lennie and what he could do to make his life better. "What can you do?" In a panic Lennie looked at George for help. "He can do anything you tell him." George wanted the best for Lennie and wanted him to get a job. George knew Lennie was strong and this was a good trait to get a job. George cared for Lennie when he tried to get the job for him. George knew that Lennie wanted bunnies and the best way to do this was by getting a job for him and saying good things about him.

In the book, the author shows how people should go out of their way to help people when George goes out of his way for Lennie when he puts important things aside such as a job to make sure Lennie was ok. For most of the story, George does not have a job because he wants what's best for Lennie. Having a job is really important but George put that aside for as long as he could so he could give his full attention to Lennie. He did not try to think about material things when he knew helping Lennie full time would be the better choice. George went out of his way to not get a job even though they were poor, just to care for Lennie. The author, John Steinbeck shows that people should put others before themselves and things that may be important to them like a job.

The author shows that helping people and going out of your way is important is by George treating Lennie with respect and not rudeness even though he was a handful. George continues to teach Lennie without judgment and lack of care. George rarely yells at Lennie if he does something wrong because George understands the situation. In the beginning of the book, Lennie finds a dead mouse and George tells him to put it down. It seems like such a weird thing to tell someone, but George does it without complaining. George tells Lennie when he finds the mouse, "A mouse? A live mouse?... give it here!" (John Steinbeck, 5) George sternly tells Lennie to give him the mouse yet he does not make fun of or hurt Lennie about it. He didn't yell too much, other than asking him to give it multiple times, and he doesn't bother Lennie or make him feel terrible about trying to hold a mouse and pet it. George did get mad at times but did not take it out on Lennie. He may have gotten mad at him at times, but he still respected him and not saying others before him by using his character George putting Lennie before his own job.

The final reason Steinbeck shows George goes out of his way for Lennie was he put Lennie before himself and didn't complain that he had this big task to deal with. "'Well, it's ten acres,' said George 'Got a little win'mill, got a little shack on it an' a chicken run.'" (John Steinbeck, 56) George always made Lennie happy and tried his best to get things for him. He always tried to get things done and to care for Lennie even though it is a lot to handle. Though George did not have as much as he promised Lennie he would have, he still tried his best to get things done and fulfill his promise to him. George never just complained and got mad at what he was supposed to do, he just tried his best and worried and cared for Lennie. George went out of his way to make sure Lennie had what he needed and tried to do things for him.

The author John Steinbeck showed the message of the story "Of mice and men" was to people can care for people in your family or friends, respect them and put important things in your life aside to help them. John Steinbeck shows the message, care for others and put other people before yourself in the novel, "Of Mice and Men".

- a. *THESIS*: What do you think is the main argument in the paper?

The main argument is that people in life go out of their way to help other people because they care about others.

- b. *STRUCTURE*: The paper must be clearly organized by stating four reasons why the argument is valid. What are the reasons for this argument? Does the order of the overall argument make sense, and is it easy to follow?

Can't tell the first one or any because it seems to be repeating

- c. *EVIDENCE and ANALYSIS*: Does the paper offer supporting evidence for each of its points? Is there enough analysis of evidence? Is the evidence properly attributed, and is the bibliographical information correct?

No quote in first or second paragraph (yikes)

THESIS: What do you think is the main argument in the paper?

The main argument is to go out of your way for others no matter the outcome.

STRUCTURE: The paper must be clearly organized by stating four reasons

The reasons are pretty clear but maybe elaborate a little more.

EVIDENCE and ANALYSIS: Does the paper offer supporting evidence for each of its points? Is there enough analysis of evidence? Is the evidence properly attributed, and is the bibliographical information correct?

You do have a few quotes and you elaborate them well, but maybe try using quotes that don't relate to the other reasons.