

Chapter Two Reading Questions

•(Page 20) What can we assume about the boss from Candy's description of him?
◦Candy claims he is a nice man - What evidence do we have for/against this statement? ◦Is Candy a reliable source of information? Why/why not?

•(Page 22) Why might the boss jump to the conclusion that George is taking advantage of Lennie? ◦Why doesn't George simply tell the boss the truth about Lennie instead of claiming to be his cousin?

•(Page 25) Why is Curly hostile towards Lennie? ◦Is Curly's attitude justified? Why/why not? •

(Page 31) Lennie thinks Curly's wife is "purty" - Should the sexual attraction of a handicapped person differ from that of a non-handicapped person? Why/why not?

•(Page 33) Slim is described as a talented, good looking, well respected man on the ranch. Does this give him reason to flirt with Curly's wife? Why does he seem to get away with it?