Crooks

Introduction: give a general response to the question set and outline what you will be covering in your essay.

Crooks is the victim of racism and his dream is to be treated with respect as an equal.	Racism is an accepted part of this place and time. "nigger"
He obsesses over his civil rights – rights he should have but doesn't.	"mauled copy of the California civil code" "Nobody got any right in here but me"
He is isolated from the other men because of their racism – he wants the company of others.	"He kept his distance and demanded that other people kept theirs." "I ain't wanted" "They say I stink" He lives in a room attached to the barn – with the animals.
George, Lennie and Candy's dream of a place of their own is very appealing to Crooks – he asks to join them despite his cynicism.	"I never seen a guy really do it" "I'd come an' lend a hand."
BUT Crooks abandons this hope when Curley's Wife reminds him of the harsh realities of life.	"You guys comin' in an' settin' made me forget"
Crooks is lonely because of others' racism.	"Spose you couldn't go into the bunk house... 'cause you was black."
Crooks allows the writer to explore what loneliness can do to people.	"A guy goes nuts if he ain't got nobody." "I seen things out here."
Loneliness makes him cynical and bitter.	"Nobody never gets to heaven, and nobody gets no land."
There is a warmth and a hunger for friendship beneath this cynicism.	"His tone was a little more friendly"
Crooks physical disability (his crooked back) only adds to the our sympathy for him – but his pain is emotional as much as physical.	"lined with pain"



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