

1. What themes did you notice in this section? Make a list of both ones that recur (that we've already discussed) and any new ones that you've noticed.
2. How does Steinbeck introduce Curley's wife? What
3. Think about the characterization of Slim. What kind of person is he? How is he different from the others? Why do you think he's important to the story?
4. What is important about the scene with Candy's dog? What kind of pacing does Steinbeck use? What is particularly effective about the scene?
5. Think about the big themes of friendship and loyalty and loneliness and isolation. Make a list of moments from the text that provides supporting evidence for those themes. Include direct quotes and page numbers.
6. Look at your list from #5. What kind of statement or argument is Steinbeck making about those themes? What message does he want to communicate through his characters?