

Of Mice and Men Essay – Option #3

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Intro paragraph – your opening paragraph – **PARAGRAPH 1**

Hook: (what is discrimination and how does it affect people in general?) _____

Bridge: (Connect discrimination to the story) _____

Background: (state the title, author, SHORT summary of story) _____

Thesis: Discrimination... (give your 3 characters and briefly how) _____

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Body paragraphs (use chart) – you should have 3 of these. One talking about each character that is seen and not heard – **PARAGRAPH 2**

Topic sentence: (restate part of your thesis and who you will discuss) _____

Explanation: (in your own words how does discrimination affect the character in your topic sentence, how do they respond and how does it affect the outcome of the story)

Evidence: (introduce and cite your quote that supports your reason) _____

Explanation: (HOW does that quote prove/support your reason) _____

Closing sentence: (restate reason and lead to the next/transition) _____

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Closing paragraph – Wrap up your essay – **PARAGRAPH 5**

Concluding transition: (in conclusion...)

Summary of ideas: (restate the thesis and main ideas) _____

Final Thought: (what should the reader take away from this) _____

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Body paragraphs – you should have 3 of these. One talking about each character that is affected by discrimination – **PARAGRAPH 2, 3, 4**

Character	How is this character affected by discrimination	Quote to prove/show the discrimination or how they deal (include pg. #)	How does this quote support your reasoning?

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