

ASSIGNMENT: Write an analysis paragraph that discusses how the entrance of the human characters influences the mood* in the first three pages of “Of Mice and Men.”

1- Begin by making a graphic organizer that explores the mood both *before and after* the men enter. You may use, as evidence, any specific *words* or *images* the author uses and/or the *action* (what happens) in the scene.

2- As you write your topic sentence, be sure to mention which **mood** is present *before and after* the men enter as well as the name of the book and the author’s name.

TS EXAMPLES:

A-In the opening pages of, *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck, the mood is _____, but turns _____ after two men enter the scene.

B- Two men enter the scene and _____ in the opening pages of Steinbeck’s, *Of Mice and Men*.

3- As you write the rest of the paragraph, be sure to use specific examples (*use direct quotes or your own words, with page numbers*) to support your ideas.

4- As you write your concluding sentence, be sure to mention **what you believe is important about what you noticed** about the mood Steinbeck sets in the text.

*Mood is the “feeling” that the writer creates with his words.

Mood words describe emotions.

Mood words (examples):

scary	melancholy (blue)	Tense	exciting	Joyful
mellow	peaceful	calm	frightening	thoughtful
anxious	terrifying			

mournful
tranquil
chaotic