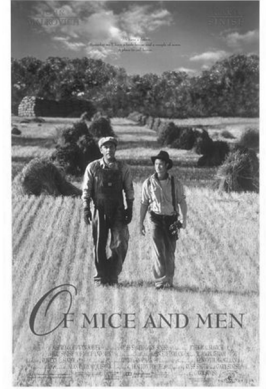


Of Mice and Men

Introductory Thinking/ Theme Questions



Much of what is discussed within the novel, thematically, has to do with the “American dream” and the ability or inability to achieve it.

1. What is your “American dream”? What would be your ideal life? What goals or accomplishment do you think are attainable over the next 20 – 30 years? Are they realistic or idealized?
 2. How could you make this happen? How attainable is it? Why do you deserve it? (Notice that it isn’t “Do you deserve it,” but WHY)
 3. How much power (influence? drive?) do you possess in order to make this dream a reality? What role does life/fate/chance/luck etc. play?
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Format:

- ➔ A two to three paragraph (double-spaced) response that is well written, thorough, and shows evidence of thought and insight.
- ➔ Also, remember to use the techniques you have learned in regards to sentence variation, transition words, vivid verbs , etc.
- ➔ Actually think about what these questions and use them as the basis of the response