

Study Guide—Of Mice and Men

Chapter 1

I. VOCABULARY: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel.

Bundle [slang] a bundle, as of bedding, carried by a hobo _____

Jack [slang] money _____

Morosely gloomy, in a bad mood _____

Pantomime a dramatic entertainment, expressions exaggerated _____

Droned Speak tediously in a dull monotonous tone _____

Contemplated look thoughtfully for a long time at _____

Dejectedly downhearted, sad, depressed _____

II. Allusions and historical references:

Soledad: a coastal California city about 130 miles south of San Francisco. _____

Salinas River: a river that flows through Soledad and into Monterey Bay _____

Weed: a northern California mining town _____

watchin' that blackboard: employment agencies would post available jobs on a blackboard in front of their offices. Prospective employees would watch the blackboard for any new jobs. _____

Work cards: a job assignment from an employment agency would be written on a work card to be presented by the worker to the employer. _____

III. LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the novel.

imply Suggest indirectly that something is true _____

infer conclude or judge something based on evidence _____

exposition part of the story; characters, background introduced _____

setting time and place where story happens _____

What is the setting of this novel? Salinas, California + 1930's _____

Point of view how the story is told and who is the narrator _____

From what point of view is the story told? 3rd Person _____