

## 'Of Mice & Men' Character Quotes

### George

- God a'mighty, if I was alone I could live so easy.
- We kind look after each other
- A smart little guy (Said by Slim)
- Get him (Carlson fight scene)
- He's a hell of a worker (About Lennie)
- "Aw Lennie!" George put his hand on Lennie's shoulder.
- Small and quick, dark of face, with restless eyes and sharp, strong features
- You never had none, you crazy bastard. I got both of 'em here. Think I'd let you carry your own work card?
- "You keep away from Curley, Lennie"
- "If I was bright, if I was even a little bit smart, I'd have my own little place"
- Guys like us, that work on the ranches, are the loneliest guys in the world... They ain't got nothing to look ahead to."
- "We travel together," George said coldly.
- George looked sharply at him. "What'd you take outa that pocket."
- "Hell no. He just scared her. I'd be scared too, if he grabbed me. But he never hurt her."

### Lennie

- A huge man
- bear drags his paws
- Ain't you gonna give me hell. George? (End of the novel)
- you've broke it pettin' it
- Lennie dabbled his big paw in the water
- "I don't want no fights"
- "I never meant no harm, George. Honest I never"
- "About the rabbits"
- "George, how long's it gonna be till we get that little piece an' live on the fatta the lan' - an' rabbits?"
- "I didn't wanna," Lennie cried. "I didn't wanta hurt him."
- "George wun't go away and leave me. I know George wun't do that."

### Slim

- The prince of the ranch
- All talk stopped when he spoke
- Godlike
- Slims opinions were law
- I can tell a mean guy from a mile off
- When he had finished combing his hair he moved into the room, and he moved with a majesty only achieved by royalty.
- "She slang her pups last night... nine of 'em. I drowned four of 'em right off."
- Slim sighed, "Well I guess we got to get him" "Maybe ever'body in the whole damn world is scared of each other."

### Curley

- He's alla time picking scraps with big guys. (said by Candy)
- Curley's pants is just crawlin' with ants (Said by Whit)
- I'll kill him myself
- I'm gonna shoot the guts outta that big bastard myself, even if I only got one hand. I'm gonna get 'im
- Curley stepped gingerly close to him, "you the new guys, the old man was waitin' for you"
- "Any you guys seen my wife"
- "What the hell you laughin' at"



### Crooks

- Why ain't you wanted?"- "Cause I'm black..."
- Crooks face lighted with pleasure in his torture. (When he teases Lennie about George).
- "It was difficult to conceal his pleasure with anger (When everyone goes in his room)
- "Guys don't come into a coloured man's room"
- For a moment Crooks did not see him, but on raising eyes he stiffened and a scowl came on his face
- Crooks scowled, but Lennie's disarming smile defeated him.
- "You got no right to come in my room."
- "Nobody never gets to heaven, and nobody gets no land."
- "A guy goes nuts if he ain't got nobody"

### Curley's wife

- leaned against the door frame so her body was thrown forward
- Good-lookin" (Said by Slim when greeting her)
- Tramp (George)
- You can't blame a man for looking
- full, rouged lips and wide-spaced eyes, heavily made up. Her fingernails were red... cotton house dress and red mules, on the insteps of which were little bouquet of red ostrich feathers
- "You know what I can do to you if you open your trap?"
- "Well, you keep your place then nigger. I could get you strung up on a tree so easy it ain't even funny"
- "I tell you I ain't used to livin like this. I coulda made somethin' of myself."

### Candy

- I've had him since he was a pup
- I ain't much good, but I could cook and tend the chickens
- "A guy on a ranch don't never listen nor he don't ask no questions."
- "I shouldn't ought to of let no stranger shoot my dog."
- "Glove fulla Vaseline"
- "I wasn't listenin. I was just standin' in the shade a minute scratching my dog"
- "Curley gon-ta wanta get 'im lynched. Curley'll get 'im killed."
- "I wish somebody shoot me if I got old and crippled"

### Carlson

- A powerful, big stomached man
- Thick-bodied
- Whyn't you tell her to stay the hell home where she belongs
- Now what the hell ya suppose is eating them two guys?
- You comes for me, an' I'll kick your God damn head off
- "I can smell that dog a mile away"
- "He ain't no good to you, Candy. An' he ain't no good to himself.
- "Right in the back of the head"