

AP English- Of Mice and Men

In fulfillment of your summer AP reading assignment respond to one of the following essay prompts in a 2-3 page essay. Consider the main characters in *Of Mice and Men* and analyze how Steinbeck portrays them in the novel. DO NOT SUMMERIZE THE PLOT.

1. Many works of literature contain a character that intentionally deceives others. The character's dishonesty may be intended either to help or to hurt. Such a character may choose to mislead others for a variety of reasons.

In a well written essay, analyze the motives for the character's deception and discuss how the deception contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

2. Morally ambiguous characters—characters whose behavior discourages readers from identifying them as purely evil or purely good—are at the heart of many works of literature. Write an essay in which you explain how the character can be viewed as morally ambiguous and why his or her moral ambiguity is significant to the work as a whole. Avoid mere plot summary.

