**Of Mice and Men**

Reading Notes and Questions Chapter Four

Introduction: While reading Of Mice and Men, we will pause to make some observations. These observations are intended to improve your ability to see and interpret key ideas and events in the Story. Write your responses to these questions on a separate sheet of paper as you read. It's fine to type your responses if you prefer. Responses to each question should be thorough, not just a few words or single sentence.

Through the book Steinbeck explores human weakness, showing how one person or group dominates those who are weaker. Create a chart like the one below and fill it in:

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| **Strong** | **Verb** | **Weak** | **Reason** |
| Person X | Belittles | Person Y | To prove to Z that he… |
| 1. |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |

Steinbeck suggests that many of the characters have some problem—suffer from something that sets them apart from others. Create a table like the one below and use the same sentence structure as you make your analytical statements about four characters.

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| **Strong** | **Problem** | **Cause** | **Effect** |
| Person X | Feels Y | because of Z | which makes them do/feel A |
| 1. |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |
| 4. |  |  |  |