

GROUP ASSIGNMENT

Of Mice and Men is written like a play. Within each chapter (act) there are a few locations (scenes) where the action takes place. The characters are well-defined. The action is consecutive and easy to follow.

Your group assignment is to write a script for and perform a section of the novella. You will type your script, learn your lines, and present it to the class. When all the groups present, in order of course, we will have a complete story.

Each member of the group must have an active role in the group's production. If there are more roles than people, then group members will have to double up. Roles are not only acting roles, but writers, directors, costumers, and other peripheral but necessary jobs.

Each character must have some type of costume. The actors must use multiple props in logical places in each scene. All the actors must know their lines by heart; no reading. All scenes must be long enough to develop the plot and characters. The main ideas, messages, and themes of the story should be apparent. If a narrator is used, it should only be between scenes, never in a scene; the actors and dialogue should carry the story.

Group captains will be named, and captains can choose one person for their group. The rest of the group members will be assigned.

INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT

Each student/actor/crew member will write two reflections.

The first is a reflection of the experience of putting on a section of the novella for the class. Include personal experiences, difficulties, and successes as well as group dynamics and the overall impression of "how you did". It should be typed and double-spaced. It should be no more than 1-1/2 pages long.

The second is a reflection of your impressions of the novella. Discuss two aspects of novella in the context of the Depression. Some things you could choose

are: the meaning of friendship in the novel, society's treatment of mentally handicapped individuals, racial and age discrimination, mercy killing, women's subservience to men, and many others. Choose two and write! This reflection should be between 1-1/2 and 2 pages long, double-spaced. Do not use quotes; I'm interested in your thoughts. Use internal citations if needed and a full MLA citation at the end of the second page.

The two reflections are due when presentations are complete.

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