*Of Mice and Men* Reading Questions

Chapters 1 -2

**Chapter 1**

1. How are the two men described?
2. What does the first man caution Lennie not to do?
3. What can you quickly tell about Lennie, and what clues were given to the reader?
4. When George sits with his arms around his knees, what does Lennie do? What does that tell you about Lennie?
5. Why is George angry with the bus driver?
6. When Lennie is upset about losing his work card, what does George tell him?
7. What does Lennie have in his pocket, and what does George do with it?
8. What instructions does Lennie have for when they meet the boss?
9. What does Lennie like with his beans?
10. What does Lennie do when he goes to gather willow sticks?
11. Who used to give Lennie mice?
12. What does George blow up and yell at Lennie? Why, at this point, do you think he is staying with him?
13. What does the reader find out about why the men had to leave their last job?
14. What does George say he is going to get, instead of mice, for Lennie?
15. What plan does George outline for the future that makes Lennie happy?
16. What instructions does George give Lennie, in case he gets into trouble?

**Chapter 2**

1. Why does the old man say the boss will be upset?
2. Why is George concerned about the last man who used his bunk?
3. What story does the old man share that makes the boss sound generous?
4. Why does George get angry with Lennie after the boss leaves?
5. How does Curley act when he meets Lennie?
6. Why does the old man say he is like that?
7. What do you predict might happen later in the book with Curley, and why/?
8. Why does Curley keep a glove on his left hand?
9. What does the old man say Curley has married?
10. How is Curley’s wife described?
11. Why does her behavior worry George?
12. What does Lennie say he wants to do? Why?
13. What do we learn about Slim’s dog?
14. What does Lennie obviously want George to ask?