

***Of Mice and Men* Chapter 3**

Questions and CLOSE Reading

1. George tells Slim he used to play jokes on Lennie. Why did he stop doing this?

What can we *infer* about Lennie from this?

2. What does Carlson convince Candy to do?

Later, what regret does Candy have about this? Why do you think this is?

3. How is it obvious Candy is worried about his future at the ranch?

4. What does Candy ask of George and Lennie?

Do they agree? Why?

5. Where do the ranchers usually go on a Saturday night?

Why doesn't George go?

6. Whose word on the ranch is so respected it is like the law?

Why does that make Curley's suspicions about him all that much more ridiculous?

7. Why does Curley pick a fight with Lennie?

What is the outcome of this?

What does Curley agree to tell people about this? Why?

CLOSE Reading

"They took places opposite each other at the table under the light, but George did not shuffle the cards. He rippled the edge of the deck nervously, and the little snapping noise drew the eyes of all the men in the room so that he stopped doing it. The silence fell on the room again. A minute passed and another minute. Candy lay still, staring at the ceiling. Slim gazed at him for a moment and then looked down at his hands; he subdued one hand with the other, and held it down. There came a little gnawing sound from under the floor and all the men looked down toward it gratefully. Only Candy continued to stare at the ceiling" (49).

1. What ADVERB describes how George handled the deck of cards?
2. How do the others react to this?
3. What sense does the author appeal to? *Taste* *Touch* *Sight* *Sound* *Smell*
4. What best describes the mood in the paragraph above? Use a quote to support this!
5. What can you infer based on the information in this paragraph?

