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*Of Mice and Men* Study Guide: Chapters 5-6  
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### Chapter 5

1. Despite the descriptive setting of the barn and the quiet Sunday afternoon, the next chapter begins with an accident. Explain what happens and why Lennie is so worried.
2. Describe Lennie's irrational anger when he does not understand about the puppy's death.
3. Who joins Lennie in the barn? Why? How does Lennie react?
4. How does Curley wife show that she is not as contemptible as she seems?
5. Throughout the book, the reader learns about Lennie and George's dream. What does the reader learn about Curley's wife's dream? How does her dream influence her life?
6. How does Curley's wife feel about him?

7. Why does Lennie panic, and what happens as a result of his panic? How is this similar to an even earlier in the story?
8. What decision does George make about the girl's death? What does Candy want to do and why?
9. More than the girl's death and Lennie's possible arrest, what does Candy worry about? What is George's reaction?
10. How does Candy address the body of the girl after he talks to George and learns that their dream of the farm is no longer a reality? Why do you think he reacts this way?
11. How does George keep the men from finding Lennie right away? How do we know that this is not where Lennie would have gone?
12. What do the men suppose happened to Carlson's gun?

## Chapter 6

1. How is the beginning of the scene similar to the beginning of the novel?
2. As Lennie waiting for George, he remembers a “little fat old woman. She wore thick bull’s-eye glasses and she wore a huge gingham apron with pockets, and she was starched and clean.” Who is the woman?
3. How does George know where to find Lennie?
4. Explain the symbolism in George’s final telling of the farm story.
5. Why is George calm, almost without emotion, when he talks to Lennie?
6. Earlier in the novel, what foreshadows the final events between Lennie and George?
7. Why do you think George shoots Lennie?

8. Why do you think George lies to the men about the events that led up to Lennie's death?

9. Who realizes what really happened between Lennie and George?

10. Explain the significance of the final statement in the novel.

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