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Exploring the Character of George in 'Of Mice and Men'

Short Answer Key

1. George's loyalty to Lennie is unwavering. He consistently looks out for Lennie's safety, guides him through challenges, and remains his steadfast friend, even when it is difficult.
2. George's dream of owning land provides both characters with hope and motivation. It represents the possibility of a better life, independence, and escaping the hardships of their itinerant lifestyle.
3. George makes a significant sacrifice when he chooses to end Lennie's life to spare him from a more brutal and painful fate at the hands of others. This decision is a testament to his love and responsibility for Lennie.
4. The relationship between George and Lennie represents the complexities of friendship in challenging circumstances. George is both a caretaker and a friend to Lennie, and their bond is tested by the hardships they face.
5. Answers may vary. Students can provide their perspectives on whether George's actions were morally justified based on their understanding of his character and the circumstances.

