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The Beginning of the Journey: Scene 1 of 'Of Mice and Men'

Short Answer Key

1. George and Lennie's relationship is one of mutual care and responsibility. George looks after Lennie like a guardian, while Lennie provides companionship and physical strength. They share a dream of owning land together.
2. George reminds Lennie about their dream to keep him focused and motivated, as Lennie tends to forget due to his mental condition. It also represents their shared hope for a better future.
3. The incident in their past job involved Lennie accidentally frightening a woman by touching her soft dress. This incident led to trouble and forced them to leave their previous job.
4. Lennie wants to tend rabbits on their future farm. It is important to him because he finds comfort in the idea of taking care of the soft, furry animals.
5. The campfire scene establishes the close bond between George and Lennie, their dream of land ownership, and foreshadows the challenges they will face. It sets a tone of warmth and friendship.

