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## Exploring the Setting of 'Of Mice and Men'

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Analyze how the setting of the Great Depression era contributes to the themes and tone of "Of Mice and Men." How does it shape the characters' struggles and aspirations?
2. Explore the concept of the itinerant worker in the novella's setting. How does this lifestyle impact the characters' sense of stability and belonging?
3. Discuss the role of the ranch setting as a microcosm of the challenges faced by the working class during the Great Depression. How does it highlight issues such as discrimination and the pursuit of dreams?
4. Reflect on the symbolic significance of George and Lennie's dream of owning land. How does this dream represent both their aspirations and the broader theme of hope in the story?

