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## Exploring 'Of Mice and Men': Themes, Characters, and Purpose

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Analyze the character of Lennie Small and the challenges he faces due to his mental condition. How does his innocence and strength influence the story?
2. Discuss the impact of discrimination on Crooks, the only African American worker on the ranch. How does his isolation reflect the racial dynamics of the time?
3. Explore the symbolism of the characters' dreams and the role they play in shaping the narrative. How do their dreams drive their actions and affect their relationships?
4. Reflect on the significance of George's role as Lennie's protector and caregiver. How does their friendship provide both heartwarming moments and tragic conflicts in the story?

