

AP Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

First, Students will need a copy of the novel *Of Mice and Men* by George Steinbeck (ISBN: 0140177396) to complete the following tasks:

1. Annotate while you read which means you will markup the text with your own insights and questions using sticky notes or write directly in your book. Do a good job because you will submit this work during the first class meeting.

Circle any words you do not know. Use a dictionary or app to look up the definition and write it next to the word. Make observations when you read, and mark those in the margins. Identify character emotions and major events. If you have questions as you read, then write those in the margins as well. Pay particular attention to how the author conveys the quest for the American Dream through characterization, setting, dialogue, theme, and figurative language associated with the characters.

2. Use the provided three-column format as you choose and copy quotes/cite quotes that show characters who strive for the "American Dream".

Directions for completing the graphic organizer below:

A. Print or draw a copy of the three-column chart. Then, you will need to identify characters that represent the segment of Americans and list at 3-4 in the first column.

B. You will need to record and cite 3-4 direct Quotes for each character type listed. Focus on how Steinbeck shows what the "American Dream" is for each character you list .

C. You will provide commentary or analysis to explain how your quotes from passages show each character's concept of the "American Dream".

A. List the characters	B. Direct Quotes and citation	C. Explain your quotes relevance to the quest for the American Dream
Blue Collar Workers 1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.

<p>Women</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. <hr/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. <hr/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. <hr/>
<p>3. Marginalized members of the farm (elderly, disabled, African-Americans)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4.

You will TURN IN your annotated text AND work within the three-column chart. This should be your own work. Please do not work with other students. Don't give your direct quotes/citations or explanations to another student. Plagiarized work will receive a consequence. Please have this completed so that I can collect it on the first day of school.

Have a productive and restful summer! See you in the fall.

Feel free to contact any of the AP Language and Composition instructors with questions.

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