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Literature and Composition I: Ms. Lamothe/Ms. Nijssen---Fall semester 2015

Of Mice and Men Essay Assignment -----TEST

INSTRUCTIONS

Students who are taking this course at a CP level will write an essay about the following topic:

Write an essay in which you evaluate Steinbeck's use of foreshadowing in this novel. In what ways was foreshadowing an important, useful tool for Steinbeck? **In your essay describe at least three examples of foreshadowing that appear in the novel.**

*****Each of your body paragraphs must include at least one piece of textual evidence (quotes from the book with page numbers) that support your ideas. (Total of 3 quotes)

Students who are taking this course at a CPA level will write an essay about the following topic:

Write an essay in which you discuss the theme of *Of Mice and Men*. Your essay must identify the theme (central message) of this novel and demonstrate how Steinbeck developed this theme through the characters and the events of the story (and possibly the title as well).

***** Each of your body paragraphs must include at least two pieces of textual evidence (quotes from the book with page numbers) that support your ideas. (Total of 6 quotes)

Students who are taking this course at the Honors level will write an essay about the following topic:

Write an essay in which you prove/disprove that George's decision to kill Lennie at the end of the book was selfish/unselfish. Use your notes from the Socratic Seminar discussion guide to help you brainstorm your ideas.

***** Each of your body paragraphs must include at least three pieces of textual evidence (quotes from the book with page numbers) that support your ideas. (Total of 9 quotes)

HINT: USE YOUR SOCRATIC SEMINAR *OF MICE AND MEN* DISCUSSION GUIDE TO HELP YOU.

