

# The BIG 'Of Mice and Men' Knowledge Quiz

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Part A: Context

1. What was *the major economic crisis* in 1930s America known as?  
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2. At the peak of this economic crisis, approximately how many million people in the USA were unemployed?  
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3. In the 1930s, you could claim unemployment benefits in the USA, if you lost your job.  
(Circle the correct answer.)      True                  False
4. Name the *natural disaster* that occurred in mid-west America, at the same time as the economic crisis.  
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5. Why did many farmers migrate to California? What did this area have to offer?  
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6. What year was the Wall Street crash, the economic crisis that was partly responsible for starting the Great Depression?  
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7. What were the cardboard shanty towns called where people were forced to live?  
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8. Who was most affected by the problems with the weather? (circle the correct answer)  
                         Farming                  Banking                  Education
9. Why were the drought and dust storms a disaster for farmers?  
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10. Complete the American Declaration of Independence: 'Life, Liberty and the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_'.
11. As a result of the Great Depression, unemployment spread across most industries, but which was affected the most?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. During this economic disaster, hundreds of banks closed down. What happened to people's money?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Why did more women enter the workforce during this decade in America?  
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14. As a result of the dust storms, which state in America did farm workers migrate to?  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Approximately how many people migrated to this area to find work during this time?  
(Circle the correct answer.)                  179                          20, 525                          1,300,000

**Part B: Tier Two Vocabulary from 'Of Mice & Men'** Use the words in the box to complete the sentences below.

<b>Destitute</b>	<b>Derogatory</b>	<b>Dustbowl</b>	<b>Liberty</b>	<b>Isolation</b>	<b>Pugnacious</b>
<b>Calculating</b>	<b>Microcosm</b>	<b>Belligerent</b>	<b>Prejudice</b>	<b>Disengaged</b>	<b>Abhor</b>
<b>Ostracise</b>	<b>Indignation</b>	<b>Charismatic</b>	<b>Incongruous</b>	<b>Nomadic</b>	<b>Hierarchy</b>

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : living without the basics in life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : having minimal contact with others.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : the state of being free within society from restrictions imposed by authority.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ : showing a critical or disrespectful attitude.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ : the drought and dust storms which swept across several states in mid-west America in 1930s.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ : eager or quick to argue, quarrel or fight.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ : representing the characteristics of something much larger, in miniature.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ : to strongly dislike.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ : an opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ : acting in a secret and underhand way.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ : emotionally detached.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ : aggressive in manner.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ : strong dislike at something unfair.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ : wandering from place to place.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ : out of place; inconsistent.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ : to exclude someone from a society or group.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ : a system in which members of a group are ranked according to relative status or authority
18. \_\_\_\_\_ : to be influential or powerful.

**Part C: Literary Techniques** Write a definition of the term.

1. Emphasis: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Simile: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Metaphor: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Zoomorphism: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Tone: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Dialogue: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mood: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Tension: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Structure: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Foreshadowing: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Cyclical Narrative: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Exposition: \_\_\_\_\_