

Classwork:

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In the novel *Of Mice of Men*, Steinbeck uses imagery related to hands over 100 times. He often even mentions hands as separate entities from the character him/herself, e.g.: "Lennie's closed hand slowly obeyed," or George "looked at his right hand that had thrown the gun away." Determine what the hands are symbolic of for each of these characters. You should use your book. Remember what we have discussed in class about each of these characters!

Remember that the common use of the word "hand" on a ranch is a workman whose usefulness is related to what his hands can do (metonymy), and this may be the source of all these hand images, i.e. the men are hands more than complete individuals. They are thought of in terms of their functions instead of as actual human beings.

Character	Pg #	Quote	Meaning
George			
George			
Candy			
Candy			
Slim			

Slim			
Curley			
Curley			
Curley			
Curley's wife			
Curley's wife			