

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Vocabulary

U of D Jesuit Summer Reading Grade 9

Chapter One

mottled adj having colored spots or blotches

SENTENCE: sycamores with mottled, white recumbent limbs and branches that arched over the pool.

recumbent adj suggestive of rest : leaning, resting

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sore adj angry, annoyed

SENTENCE: He was sore as hell when you wasn't here to go out this morning.

Chapter Two

pugnacious adj having an argumentative or combative nature; ready to fight

SENTENCE: His glance was at once calculating and pugnacious.

gravity n seriousness, a serious situation or problem

SENTENCE: There was a gravity in his manner and a quiet so profound that all talk stopped when he spoke.

Chapter Three

bleat v to make the natural cry of a sheep or a goat, to cry out

SENTENCE: Lennie covered his face with his huge paws and bleated with terror.

Chapter Four

fawn v to seek praise by a humble or flattering manner

SENTENCE: Lennie gulped and his smile grew more fawning

Chapter Four

liniment v a liquid medicine applied to the skin

SENTENCE: He pulled out his shirt in back, poured a little liniment on his pink palm and, reaching around, he fell slowly to rubbing his back.

Chapter Five

jeer v to speak or cry out with mockery

SENTENCE: From outside came the clang of horseshoes on the playing peg and the shouts of men, playing, encouraging, jeering.

Chapter Six

skitter v to glide or skip lightly or quickly : skim along a surface
SENTENCE: When a little bird skittered over the dry leaves behind him

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Chapter Two

verboten adj not permitted or allowed: forbidden or prohibited by or as if by authority

SENTENCE: I was born with the innate understanding that having a girlfriend while still living with my parents is verboten.

Chapter Nine

perfidy n the quality or state of being faithless or disloyal

SENTENCE: Noor looked so perplexed at my perfidy that I started to squirm.

Chapter Fourteen

gesticulate v to make gestures especially when speaking

SENTENCE: Toufiq's mother gesticulated wildly at my brother.

Chapter Nineteen

tutelage n instruction especially of an individual; a guiding influence

SENTENCE: During my first week under his tutelage, I made enough to get the Civic back from the repo lot.

Chapter Twenty-four

profundity n intellectual depth; the quality or state of being profound or deep

SENTENCE: Art's occasional profundity always surprises me, especially considering how much of his own product he samples.

Chapter Twenty-nine

gullible adj easily duped or cheated

SENTENCE: Persuading gullible people the wrong path is the right one.

Chapter Forty-three

perfunctory adj characterized by routine or superficiality; lacking in interest or enthusiasm

SENTENCE: Now it penetrates, with each charge the judge delivers in that perfunctory voice.

Chapter Fifty-two

insidious adj having a gradual and cumulative effect; harmful but enticing

SENTENCE: I get how insidious addiction is.

Chapter Fifty-four

urbane adj notably polite or polished in manner

SENTENCE: Riaz played the urbane mathematician to his customers.

Chapter Fifty-five

altruism n unselfish regard for or devotion to the welfare of others

SENTENCE: Altruism isn't something I see often, in or out of the courtroom.