CHAPTER 3

Comprehension

1. Who is Slim?
2. What kind act does Slim do for Lennie?
3. How does Slim react to Lennie and George's traveling together?
4. Why do you think George told Slim about what happened in Weed?
5. From Carlson's point of view list words that describe Candy's dog.
6. What is Carlson's solution to the problem of the dog?
7. Describe how Carlson shoots Candy's dog.
8. What role does Candy play in helping George and Lennie try to buy land?
9. Why does Curley attack Lennie? What happens to Curley?

Interpretation

1. What does George's conversation with Slim reveal about his past treatment of and present feelings toward Lennie?
2. Why does George trust Slim?
3. Does George's analysis of Lennie's attack on the girl in Weed seem probable?
4. Analyze Carlson's reasons for and Candy's reasons against shooting Candy's dog.
5. Does George's dream seem any more realistic now? Explain.
6. What comparisons does Candy make between his own condition and his dog's? How does this relate to the idea of responsibility (mercy killing)?
7. What does Lennie's fight with Curley show? Do you believe this fight is foreshadowing anything in the novel? Explain.