Take a position on whether or not George was justified for shooting and killing Lennie.

**Justified: doing something that seems fair - having a good reason for doing something.**

Paragraph #1: Introduction (3-4 sentences)

* Give a brief summary of the novel.
* Provide a claim. (your stance)

Paragraph #2: (5-7 sentences)

* Argument #1: argument to support you stance. Include evidence to support this argument from the novel.
* Argument #2: argument to support you stance. Include evidence to support this argument from the novel.

Paragraph #3: (5-7 sentences)

* Counter Claim – state an argument from the opposing side and then explain why this argument isn’t a valid argument.
* Argument #3: last and strongest argument to support you stance. Include evidence to support this argument from the novel.

Paragraph #4: Conclusion (3-4 sentences)

* Restate your claim & arguments that support your claim.
* Reflect on why George felt as though this is what he needed to do.