*Answer questions on a separate sheet of paper in complete sentences. Staple this sheet to the back of your answers before turning them in.*

CHAPTER 2

**Comprehension**

1. Who greeted George and Lennie at the bunkhouse?
2. What unusual habits did Whitey have?
3. Whom did the boss punish because George and Lennie were late? Why?
4. Why does George answer all the questions directed to Lennie?
5. How does the boss react to George's friendship with Lennie?
6. What excuse does George give for Lennie's slowness?
7. How does Curley react to Lennie's silence?
8. What does Curley think about George and Lennie's traveling together?
9. What does the swamper mean by the statement "Curley's pretty handy"?
10. What uneasy feeling does George have about Curley's wife?

**Interpretation**

1. Most of the opening paragraphs of this section consist of a realistic description of the
2. bunkhouse. What detail suggests that the ranch hands have a "romantic" side?
3. How does the account of Whitey's quitting contribute the book's mood of alienation?
4. Why is the stable buck set apart from the other men? (not just race)
5. Which character names from this section have symbolic importance?
6. Why is the boss suspicious of George and Lennie?
7. Who or what seems to be a source of tension in this chapter that may foreshadow future
8. conflicts?
9. Is Candy's opinion of Curley's wife justified?
10. What qualities does the description of Slim suggest?
11. What is the significance of Slim's and Carlson's remarks about the dogs?
12. Give examples of foreshadowing.