Of Mice and Men: Chapter 3 Reading and Study Guide

I. Allusions and historical references:

Luger (ˈlʊɡər) German semiautomatic pistol

II. LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the novel.

theme
What is a theme of the novel so far?

imagery

onomatopoeia

example:

foreshadow

conflict

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III. Use the following questions to gauge your understanding of the story.

1. What does Slim say he would have done to the dog if he hadn’t given it to Lennie?

2. What does Slim say he finds funny?

3. George says if he were really smart he would be doing what?

4. What is the story behind why Lennie and George travel together?
5. What can the reader infer about Lennie’s childhood and family life?

6. What did George do once that made him stop playing jokes on Lennie?

7. What card game does George play?

8. What does George tell Slim happened in Weed?

9. What sneaky thing does Lennie try to do?

10. What game has the other guys been playing while George and Slim talk?

11. What is Carlson’s problem and what does he tell Candy to do?

12. What reason’s does Carlson give for wanting Candy’s dog shot?

13. What does Whit show Slim?

14. What does Carlson say he has?

15. What does Slim tell Carlson to take with him when goes to shoot Candy’s dog? Why?

16. Whit says that George and Lennie must have come to work. What reason does he give?

17. What does Whit invite George to do “tomorrow” night?

18. Why don’t the guys visit Clara’s house instead of Susy’s?

19. Why does George say he will go and get a drink but that he isn’t going to pay for a flop?

20. What is Curley looking for?

21. What does Curley think Slim is doing?
22. What is Slim really doing in the barn?

23. Who has been listening to and finally interrupts George and Lennie’s conversation about the ranch?

24. For what reason would the people sell the ranch for only $600?

25. How did Candy get $250?

26. What is George afraid will happen to them if others find out they are going to buy a ranch?

27. What does Candy tell George he wishes he had done?

28. Why was Lennie smiling?

29. About what does Curley think Lennie smiling about?

30. What happens between Curley and Lennie?

V. Paragraph: write a paragraph answer to the following questions. Use quotes from the book to support your answer.

31. There are some similarities between Candy and his dog and George and Lennie. In a paragraph explain the similarities.