Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What is the setting like in this chapter? How does it compare to the setting in chapter 1?
2. According to the old man, why did the boss give the stable boy a hard time? What does this reveal about the boss?
3. What does the story about a past Christmas celebration reveal about how the other ranchers treat the stable boy? Why do they treat him this way?
4. What is Lennie’s full name and how is it ironic?
5. What does the boss suspect when he notices that George keeps speaking for Lennie? Why might he make that assumption?
6. Who is Curley? What does he look like?
7. Why does Curley get aggressive with Lennie? What does this reveal about his personality?
8. Describe Candy’s connection to his dog. How is Candy’s relationship with his dog reflective of George’s relationship with Lennie?
9. When George confronts Candy about eavesdropping, Candy says, “A guy on a ranch don’t never listen nor he don’t ask no questions.” What does this reveal about the lives of the migrant workers?
10. What is Candy’s impression of Curley’s wife?
11. What advice does George give Lennie about Curley? Why?
12. What is George’s reaction to meeting Curley’s wife? How does Lennie’s reaction compare?
13. Slim notes that most men don’t travel together and he speculates that the reason for it might be that “ever’body in the whole damn world is scared of each other” (35). What do you think he means by that? Scared of what exactly?
14. Why does Slim drown four of his dog’s pups?
15. Why does Carson want to shoot Candy’s dog? What does this reveal about his attitude towards life?