

# English 9B: Homework Reading Schedule and Activities

## February / Unit 1: Of Mice and Men

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
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| 6<br>-Review Vocab List #2<br><b>Workshop: Essay #1</b><br>Character Development Activity (Essay #1 prewrite)  | 7<br>-Vocab Quiz<br><b>Workshop: Essay #1</b><br>-Review Assignment<br>-Brainstorm Thesis<br>-Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> body paragraph only | 8<br><b>Workshop: Essay #1</b><br>-Peer Edit #1<br>-Review Sample Paragraph<br>-Write 2 <sup>nd</sup> body paragraph | 9<br><b>Workshop: Essay #1</b><br>-Peer Edit #2<br>-Review Sample cont.<br>-Write 3 <sup>rd</sup> body paragraph | 10<br><b>Workshop: Essay #1</b><br>-Peer Edit#3<br>-Write Intro & Conclusion paragraphs<br>-Final Draft Requirements |
| 13<br><b>Essay #1 Due</b><br><b>Novel &amp; Packet 4-6 Due</b><br>-Ch. 4-6 Quiz<br>-Socratic Seminar prep wkst | 14<br><b>-Socratic Seminar</b><br>-Left-Side Journal (reflection)  | 15<br><b>-Notebook &amp; Annotation Check</b><br>-Mouse Poem<br>-Unit Test Review                                    | 16 <b>Grades Due</b><br>-Unit Test   | 17 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  |
| 20 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  | 21<br>-Return novels<br><u>-Of Mice and Men</u> Movie  | 22<br><u>-Of Mice and Men</u> Movie  | 23<br><u>-Of Mice and Men</u> Movie<br>-Review Movie wkst  | 24<br><b>Workshop: Essay #2</b><br>In Class Essay Prewrite   |

**Text:** Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck

### Novel Poem:

**Read the poem “To a Mouse” by Robert Burns. Answer the following questions for your journal:**

- What does the underline portion mean?
- What comes to mind with the word mice? Men?
- Why is Burns comparing mice to men? How are they similar?
- Why might this allusion be appropriate for a novel set in the Great Depression?

Wee, sleeket, cowran, tim'rous beastie,  
O, what panic's in thy breastie!  
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,  
Wi' bickering brattle!  
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee,  
Wi' murd'ring pattle!

I'm truly sorry Man's dominion  
Has broken Nature's social union,  
An' justifies that ill opinion,  
Which makes thee startle,  
At me, thy poor, earth-born companion,  
An' fellow-mortal!

I doubt na, whyles, but thou may thieve;  
What then? poor beastie, thou maun live!  
A daimen-icker in a thrave 'S a sma' request:  
I'll get a blessin wi' the lave,  
An' never miss't!

Thy wee-bit housie, too, in ruin!  
It's silly wa's the win's are strewin!  
An' naething, now, to big a new ane,  
O' foggage green!  
An' bleak December's winds ensuin,  
Baith snell an' keen!  
Thou saw the fields laid bare an' wast,  
An' weary Winter comin fast,  
An' cozie here, beneath the blast,

Thou thought to dwell,  
Till crash! the cruel coulter past  
Out thro' thy cell.

That wee-bit heap o' leaves an' stibble,  
Has cost thee monie a weary nibble!  
Now thou's turn'd out, for a' thy trouble,  
But house or hald.  
To thole the Winter's sleety dribble,  
An' cranreuch cauld!

But Mousie, thou are no thy-lane,  
In proving foresight may be vain:  
The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,  
Gang aft agley, [often go astray]  
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,  
For promis'd joy!

Still, thou art blest, compar'd wi' me!  
The present only toucheth thee:  
But Och! I backward cast my e'e,  
On prospects drear!  
An' forward, tho' I canna see,  
I guess an' fear!