**Literature Presentation/Forum #4**

***Of Mice And Men (OMM)*, by John Steinbeck**

**Previewing and Predicting, using CRS Reading skills (INFERENCE)**

**and WREN skills (WORD CHOICES: Adjectives)**

**Directions:**

**•**Based on the background info presented in this forum, read character quotes below to make predictions about the characters you will “meet” in *OMM.* Write at least three **adjectives** after each quote that might would describe that character’s personality, physical traits, or emotional state.

• Be prepared to discuss IN CLASS how you INFERED those descriptions.

**POSTER #1**

1. "I had enough," he said coldly. "You got no rights comin' in a colored man's room. You got no rights messing around in here at all. Now you jus' get out, an' get out quick. If you don't, I'm gonna ast the boss not to ever let you come in the barn no more." -Crooks

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2. "A guy needs somebody-to be near him. A guy goes nuts if he ain't got nobody. Don' make no difference who the guy is, long's he's with you. I tell ya, I tell ya a guy gets too lonely an' he gets sick." -Crooks

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**POSTER #2**3. "Guys like us, that work on ranches, are the loneliest guys in the world. They got no family. They don't belong no place. They come to a ranch an' work up a stake, and the first thing you know they're poundin' their tail on some other ranch. They ain't got nothing to look ahead to." –George

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4. "It ain't so funny, him an' me goin' aroun' together," George said at last. "Him and me was both born in Auburn. I knowed his Aunt Clara. She took him when he was a baby and raised him up. When his Aunt Clara died, Lennie just come along with me out workin'. Got kinda used to each other after a little while." –George

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5. "I wish I could put you in a cage with about a million mice an' let you have fun." His anger left him suddenly. He looked across the fire atLennie's anguished face, and then he looked ashamedly at the flames." -George

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**POSTER #3**6. "If you don't want me I can go off in the hills an' find a cave. I can go away any time." –Lennie

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7. Lennie looked sadly up at him. "They was so little," he said apologetically. "I’d pet ‘em, and pretty soon they bit my fingers and I pinched their heads a little and then they was dead—because they was so little. I wish’t we’d get the rabbits pretty soon, George. They ain’t so little." -Lennie

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**POSTER #4**8. Candy interrupted him, "I'd make a will an' leave my share to you guys in case I kick off, 'cause I ain't got no relatives or nothing." -Candy

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9. "I ought to shoot that dog myself, George. I shouldn't ought to let a stranger shoot my dog." –Candy

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10. Candy leaned against the wall beside the broken collar while he scratched his wrist stump. "I been here a long time," he said. "An' Crooks been here a long time. This's the first time I ever been in his room."-Candy

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**POSTER #5**11. "Whatta I care? You bindle bums think you're so damn good. Whatta ya think I am, a kid? I tell ya I could of went with shows. Not jus' one, neither. An' a guy tol' me he could put me in pitchers..." She was breathless with indignation. "—Sat'iday night. Ever'body out doin' som'pin'. Ever'body! An' what am I doin'? Standin' here talkin' to a bunch bindle stiffs." -Curley's wife

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12. "I tell you I ain't used to livin' like this. I coulda made somethin' of myself." -Curley's wife

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**POSTER #6**13. "Ain't many guys travel around together," he mused. "I don't know why. Maybe ever'body in the whole damn world is scared of each other."-Slim

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14. "She slang her pups last night," said Slim. "Nine of ‘em. I drowned four of ‘em right off. She couldn’t feed that many." -Slim

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