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Eng. Foundations III—Silver *Of Mice and Men*: Ch. 2 (17-37)

Vocabulary

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| 1. **Ironic**: |
| 1. **Swamper** (18): a handyman; someone who performs odd jobs often involving cleaning |
| 1. **Stable buck** (19): a worker who takes care of horses and equipment in the stable or barn |
| 1. **Skeptically** (19): |
| 1. **Skinner** (20): a person in charge of working the animals, usually the mules, on a ranch |
| 1. **Buck barley** (23): lift or carry heavy bags of grain |
| 1. **Morosely** (23): |
| 1. **Pugnacious** (25): |
| 1. **Pretty handy** (26): good at boxing |
| 1. **She got the eye** (28): she looks at men flirtatiously |
| 1. **Tart** (28): a prostitute |

*Directions: Answer the following questions using as much detail as possible. Include page numbers indicating where you found the information.*

1. What are George and Lennie’s full names? Why is Lennie’s name **ironic**?
2. Though we haven’t met him yet, we learn some important information about the stable-buck. Describe the stable-buck and the way he is treated by the other ranchers.
3. What does the boss suspect George of doing? Why?
4. Identify and describe Curley.
5. Describe Curley’s reaction to Lennie. **Why** does he act this way?
6. What advice does George give Lennie after Curley and the old swamper (Candy) leave?
7. Identify and describe Curley’s wife.
8. Identify and describe Slim.
9. How does Lennie feel about being at the ranch? Why does he feel this way?
10. Describe Candy’s dog. How do you think Candy feels about his dog?
11. What idea does Carlson suggest to Slim? Why does he suggest this?
12. What does Slim have that Lennie wants?