

***Of Mice and Men* Book Club**

OVERVIEW: We are going to read this novel book club style, with some adjustments. You will be given dates to complete two sections of reading -- chapters 1-3 and chapters 4-6. After each section, you will meet with a partner and without anything except your text and some paper, you will decide what areas you wish to discuss and pose questions to analyze with each other and the larger group.

What will you need to do?

1. Step away from your device. You will not need it for this; we are going old school. This will force you to read and think for yourself. Think of this as an opportunity -- you cannot fail unless you simply choose not to read.
2. Read actively. To be a good partner and to be a contributing member of the book club, you need to both read and think. To show evidence of this, I will be asking to see your annotations, notes, post-its, drawings, etc. You will receive credit for these.
3. Pace yourself so that you are ready to discuss each section on its designated day.
4. Talk with your partner and share your observations, confusions, analysis, opinions. Decide together which questions you'd like to discuss with the larger group. *AGAIN, I DO NOT WANT YOU TO GOOGLE THIS!* The whole point of doing this is to come up with questions organically. That way, we can really focus on what you want to focus on rather than what English teachers/websites typically say you SHOULD discuss.
5. Participate in the larger class conversation that occurs based upon the class selected questions.
6. When we've finished the book, there will be a message board type document where you will respond to two of the questions.

How you will be graded:

Making good use of class time/having materials with you ____ (10)

Annotations/posted notes/ captioned drawings in text _____(10 each meeting)

Time on task with your partner to discuss _____ (10 each meeting)

List of 3-5 original questions to discuss with larger group with your group's own thoughts on each _____(10 each meeting)

Participation in the larger class discussion _____ (5 each meeting)

Message board detailed, thoughtful responses _____ (20)

Total: /100

