

The True Nature of Man in *Of Mice and Men*

Task: Your task will be to write an essay based around John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. You will select three passages that illustrate Steinbeck's argument on the true nature of man. You must defend his argument by using rhetorical (Ethos, Logos, Pathos) and literary strategies.

Purpose: It is important to understand how arguments are formed. It's also crucial to know how to make an argument based around reason and evidence.

Your essay will answer the following questions:

1. How is the true nature of man represented in *Of Mice and Men*?
2. What is the specific argument Steinbeck is making about the true nature of man?

The following guidelines will help you put your essay together:

Part I: Intro

1. Introduce argument
2. Thesis: This paper will argue that the true nature of man, as demonstrated in *Of Mice and Men*, is _____ . This will be proven through _____ , _____ , _____ .

Part II: Body Section (minimum five sentence per paragraphs; minimum of three paragraphs)

1. Ethos explanation, passage, and what it means.
2. Pathos explanation, passage, and what it means.
3. Logos explanation, passage, and what it means.

MOVIE Part: After the 1939 version of *Of Mice and Men*, answer the following question in the form of one paragraph. How did the movie rendition of the novel help you better understand your own argument? Use specifics about how the characters interacted with each other to further aid your explanation.

Part III: Conclusion

1. Recap Thesis
2. Recap argument

Final essay submitted on Google Classroom.

Other elements to be handed in: rough draft, peer-editing and self-editing sheets.

Graded on:

50 points: Final Essay

25 points: Rough Draft (with peer and self corrections)

25 points: Peer-editing and self-editing sheets