



Of Mice and Men

Prereading Brochure Assignment

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Introduction

You are about to read the book *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. This assignment has been designed to help you research the different elements of the novel and introduce you to the author and the time period in which he wrote.

Your Mission

You and a partner will be researching four of the six topics located in the following pages. Then you will create a brochure of your findings. You will also create a Works Cited to give credit to the authors of the information. Your work should be presented in a visually appealing format and include well-organized paragraphs. Note: you are both responsible for the completion of this brochure.

Process

In your brochure you must include a title page and a back page as well as information about four different topics. You must research The Great Depression, The Life of John Steinbeck, and two additional topics of your choice. The additional topics are Mercy Killings, Mental Disabilities, The Pulitzer Prize, and The Migrant Experience. After you and your partner have chosen the additional topics, it would be wise to split up the topics and each of you to research the two that interest you the most.

We will have three days in the LRC/Computer Lab to do your research and to type out your findings and organize your material for the brochure. If you do not finish at school, it must be completed at home.

This "webquest" is designed to assist you in your research. Simply click on the address under the topic you wish to research and you will be provided with several approved internet sites from which you will retrieve information. Please don't limit your internet searches to this material; other books and material in the LRC are acceptable.

Grading

EACH GROUP MEMBER MUST TURN IN A BROCHURE!!!

Each page of your brochure is worth 10 points and the overall quality of your brochure is worth 10 points, for a grand total of 100 points. The six pages must include:

1. Cover Page (Must be first)
2. The Great Depression
3. The Life of John Steinbeck
4. Topic of your choice
5. Topic of your choice
6. Back Page (Map of California, including Salinas Valley)

Rubric

Content and Appeal of Each Section **60 Points**

Contains the required minimum of TWO paragraphs

Contains the required minimum of THREE pictures

Section 1	-----
Section 2	-----

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Cover	-----
Back	-----

Overall Brochure **10 Points**

Finished product shows evidence of planning and organization
 Finished brochure is visually appealing and professional

Works Cited **10 Points**

Entries are correct

Total **80 Points**

Notes Sheets **20 Points**

Turned in previously

Topic: Life of Steinbeck

Research the life of Steinbeck and write a character profile giving special attention to the details of his life that might account for the realism he achieved in *Of Mice and Men*.

Author's Calendar

<http://www.kirjasto.sci.fi/johnstei.htm> ↗

National Steinbeck Center

<http://www.steinbeck.org/> ↗

Encyclopedia Britannica

<http://www.britannica.com/eb/article-9069547/John-Steinbeck> ↗

Topic: Mercy Killings

Research the subject of "Mercy Killings" or Euthanasia. After explaining what it is, present arguments, both pro and con, and support each with examples.

Euthanasia.com

<http://www.euthanasia.com/index.html> ↗

ProCon.org

<http://euthanasia.procon.org/viewresource.asp?resourceID=000126> ↗

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/euthanasia-voluntary/> ↗

Topic: Mental Retardation

Research the types of mental disabilities. Present your findings in your report. Include examples of the activities and capabilities of the different levels of disabilities.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

<http://www.nichcy.org/Disabilities/Specific/Pages/DownSyndrome.aspx> ↗

Kid's Health

http://kidshealth.org/kid/health_problems/birth_defect/mental_retardation.html ↗

The ARC

<http://www.thearc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?&pid=1433&srcid=1386> ↗

Topic: Migrant Experience

Research migrant farm workers in the United States. Present your findings in your brochure, noting any changes in the system since 1937. Give examples of their lifestyles and their financial and legal responsibilities.

The Migrant Experience

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/afctshhtml/tsme.html> ↗

Migrant Workers Photos

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fachap03.html> ↗

Exploring the United Farm Workers' History

<http://l3d.cs.colorado.edu/systems/agentsheets/New-Vista/grape-boycott/History.html> ↗

Topic : The Great Depression

Research the era of the Great Depression. Discuss its effects on society and depict what life was like for those living through this time period.

PBS Timeline

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rails/timeline/index.html> ↗

The Depression in the U.S. - An Overview

<http://www.english.illinois.edu/maps/depression/overview.htm> ↗

America in the 30s

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~1930s/front.html> ↗

Topic: Pulitzer Prize

Research and write a brief summary of the history of the Pulitzer Prize.

Joseph Pulitzer and His Prizes

<http://www.onlineconcepts.com/pulitzer/> ↗

The Pulitzer Prizes

<http://www.pulitzer.org/historyofprizes> ↗

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