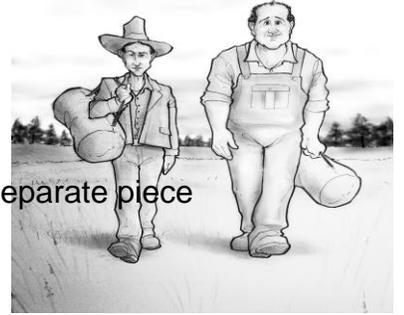


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## Chapter Two

**Directions:** Answer each question in a complete sentence on a separate piece of paper.



1. Describe the bunkhouse. *Include a quote*  
The bunkhouse is described as...”long, rectangular building. Inside the walls were whitewashed and the floor unpainted. In three walls there were small, square windows...Against the walls were eight bunks...showing their burlap ticking.”
2. Who greets George and Lennie at the bunkhouse?  
The Old Swamper, Candy, meets George and Lennie at the bunkhouse. He has only one hand. He sets up George and Lennie and enjoys gossiping.
3. Who is Whitey? What unusual habits did he have?  
Whitey was the blacksmith that was there before George and Lennie arrived. He was a clean freak and was described as a “...hell of a nice guy and as clean a guy as [anyone] you want to meet. Used to wash his hands even *after* he ate.”
4. Whom does the boss punish because George and Lennie are late? Why?  
The boss punishes the stable buck Crooks, who is black and lives in the stable. The boss does this because he is racist and when he is angry he takes his anger out on Crooks.
5. Why does George answer the questions directed at Lennie?  
George answers the questions directed at Lennie by the boss because he doesn't want Lennie to say something that could get them fired. Although Lennie is not smart, he is extremely hardworking. He doesn't want the boss to fire them.
6. What excuse does George give for Lennie's slowness? *Include a quote.*  
George tells the boss he is “awright” but he got kicked in the head as a kid by a horse and that is why he is slow now.
7. How does Curley react to Lennie's Silence?  
Curley is angered because Lennie doesn't answer him. He tells him, “Well, nex' time you answer when you're spoke to.” Curley likes to fight and he picks on the bug guys to prove how tough he is.
8. What does Old Swamper mean by the statement “Curley's pretty handy”?

Old Swamper means that Curley is a fighter, and pretty good at it. He is a lightweight and has had a few boxing matches.

9. What does Curley claim to have in his glove?  
Curley has Vaseline in his glove to keep his hand soft for his wife.
10. What does it mean that Curley's wife has got "the eye"?  
Curley's wife has "the eye" which means she is flirtatious with the men on the ranch including Slim and Carlson.
11. What does George tell Lennie to do if Curley begins fighting with him?  
George tells Lennie to stay clear of Curly when he comes around. He also tells him that if Curly hits him he can hit him back, but if there is a problem and Lennie gets in trouble he tells him to run and hide in the brush.
12. What does Lennie think of Curley's wife? *Include a quote.*  
Lennie thinks Curley's wife is "purty." "Gosh she is purty."
13. What would Lennie like from Slim?  
Lennie would like a puppy, a brown and white puppy.
14. Based on Chapter 2, what are your predictions about what may happen at the ranch?  
Opinion: possible conflicts between Curly and Lennie, they may kill Candy's dog, Curley's wife may get Lennie in trouble