

Topic: Dreams

Farm, Hunt, fish, open-land...

Wants to be on Lennie's farm...

<p>Crooks' Dream</p> <p>* Be equal, be accepted, played w/ white kids growing up.</p>	<p>Candy's Dream</p> <p>* Retire peacefully on a farm * Regrets not shooting dog...</p>	<p>George's Dream</p> <p>* "Live off the fat of lan'!!" * Settle down w/ girl or... go cat houses...</p>	<p>Fantasy</p> <p>Reality</p>
<p>Lennie's Dream</p> <p>* Millions of rabbits every color possible!</p>	<p>Curley's Dream</p> <p>* To beat up big guys * To be the pro boxer</p>	<p>Curley's Wife's Dream</p> <p>Hollywood Actress Be accepted; Wants attention, happy marriage</p>	<p>Fantasy</p> <p>Reality</p>

What are a few themes Steinbeck is trying to express regarding dreams?

* Dreams don't always come true → especially fantasies

* Have realistic dreams.

* Dreams give us something work toward - live for

* Don't let other people ruin your dreams.

Aim: Why does Steinbeck use a circular plot to present his tragic story?

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swq033O_NFk

DO Now:

Watch the video clip.

* What is this story about?

The Odyssey

* List 2-3 major ideas you can take from the film.

<u>Trojan Horse</u>	<u>Travel Long Distc.</u>
* Trick / Diversion	10 yrs. Travel
* Present / Toy	<u>Femme Fatale</u>
Expert Bow Man	* Dangerous women
<u>Lennie's Strength</u>	

Seduction / Temptation

* Cat House * Bar * Casino

Hallucinations

* Lennie → Rabbits
A. Clara

Name: _____

Lennie & George's Odyssey

The original story, The Odyssey, by the blind Greek poet, Homer, was told in the oral tradition and passed down for centuries. It is believed to trace back to around 790 B.C.E. This story, along with Homer's other epic tale, The Iliad, are said to make up "the Ancient Greek Bible." These stories are said to provide moral instruction for life.

The Odyssey has a circular plot, meaning it ends and begins in the same location, Odysseus' home of Ithaca. It is a hero's quest that takes ten years to complete. Along the way, Odysseus faces horrible monsters including the one-eyed Cyclops and the original femme fatales, the Sirens. In the end, Odysseus conquers all of the challenges brought to him, apologizes to the sea god Poseidon for being too prideful and returns to Ithaca to rule his kingdom. Unfortunately, for Odysseus it took him an entire decade, and many difficult trials, to realize that he had to let go of his pride.

Who betrayed L: M

* He also kills his friend and "a troubling making woman"

- A) * Do you know of any other stories that end where they began?
- B) * How does the pattern of a circular plot relate to Of Mice & Men?

* Brush; Hiding Spot... → Starts END

- Are there any possible "monsters" that appear in the story Of Mice & Men that have to be dealt with?

* Curley → Mean, violent * Curley's wife - temptress, "witch"

* Lennie → Super strength * Crooks → Mean

- Are there any examples of people being punished for pride in Of Mice & Men?

* Curley → Crushed HAND * George → Save

* Curley's wife → Flirting Can't stay w/ Lennie

- The word Odyssey now means - 1: a long wandering or voyage usually marked by many changes of fortune 2: an intellectual or spiritual wandering or quest - How can this relate to Of Mice & Men?

- Lennie causes constant trouble... → Running - Weed to Soledad
- George changes → Realizes Lennie can't survive... I love

The story, The Odyssey, was also meant to give Greek people instructions and advice for living well. For example, it taught that it was important to be hospitable and kind to guests. It especially taught that it is important to not let pride get the best of you. America was in a time of great transition during The Great Depression. What are some lessons we can take from Of Mice & Men.

- A parasite is an organism that latches on to a larger organism in order to survive. Ex. a flea or tick... What can we learn about parasitic relationships from this story?

* Lennie - Can't live w/o George
 * Curley's wife → wants to leave; can't

- Discrimination is a huge issue in this novella. What is a statement that Steinbeck seems to be making?

* We need to accept!
 * Most ppl. discriminate! → It's against the weak... got to change

- Loneliness was especially widespread following The Dust Bowl. What is a lesson we can take away on this?

* Loneliness can kill! We need companionship!

- * The American Dream was in big trouble after Black Tuesday. What is a lesson we can take away on this?

* Dreams can be even harder to achieve in tough times → Adapt!

- The title of the book relates to the line from a poem: "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." This means...

* Our plans may not work!
 → wrong

* You have to change + adapt...