

## AP Language and Composition Summer Reading

Students will need a copy of the novel *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck (ISBN: 0140177396) to complete the following tasks:

- To annotate, you mark up the text with your own insights and questions using sticky notes or write directly in your book.
  - Circle any words you do not know. Use a dictionary to look up the definition and write it next to the word.
  - Make observations when you read, and mark those in the margins. Identify character emotions and major events.
  - If you have questions as you read, write those in the margins as well.
  - Pay particular attention to how the author conveys the quest towards the American Dream through characterization, setting, dialogue, theme, and figurative language.
- Using the provided three-column format, choose and cite passages that show characters who strive for the “American Dream”.
  - You will need to identify characters that represent the segment of Americans listed below. Focus on what defines the “American Dream” for the character and whether he or she is successful.
  - You will need to record and cite 3-4 passages for each character type listed.
  - You will provide commentary or analysis to explain how your passages show the character’s search for the “American Dream”

A. List the characters

B. Cited Passages

C. Commentary/Analysis

1. Blue Collar Workers	1. 2. 3. 4.	
2. Women	1. 2. 3. 4.	
3. The Elderly	1. 2. 3. 4.	

You will TURN IN your annotated text AND three-column notes. This should be your own work. Please do not work with other students. Don't give your cited passages and analysis to another student. Plagiarized work will receive a consequence. Please have this completed for the first day of school.

Thank you.