

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

Of Mice and Men is written by John Steinbeck. It is about two men, Lennie and George, who travel together. We understand very early in the book that Lennie perhaps has a minor brain damage. He has problems with speaking, repeat himself a lot, and is very immature. George seems to handle this quite fine, but sometimes he is very mad at Lennie for being such a big baby. George and Lennie travel together from ranch to ranch looking for work. They move a lot, because Lennie always seems to get them into trouble. They have two things; a dream of one day owning their own little house with acres and rabbits, and they have got each other.

After barely escaping from a ranch up in weed, Lennie and George get to work on a ranch south of Soledad. Everything works out just fine, until Lennie has a bad accident with the wife of Curley, the boss's son. Lennie is not so normal and can not control his strength right. Without meaning it, Lennie breaks the woman's neck. He gets frightened and runs off, to hide in the bushes. When the men at the ranch discover this crime, they understand that Lennie is the killer. They take their dogs and shotguns, and go out to find and kill Lennie. George waits until the men have left, because he knows where Lennie is. He chooses to kill Lennie with Curley's gun. He thinks it was right to kill Lennie himself. If they had decided to run away together, they would probably have been caught. And if both of them had been caught, they would probably have been shot. The men would think that George had helped Lennie kill Curley's wife. And George obviously did not want to die.

George did not have the heart to let the other men kill Lennie. He knew that Lennie would not make it out alive of this mess, and George could never let the man he was responsible for, get killed by Curley out of revenge. Lennie did not know what he was doing when he killed her, and it was not fair that he should get killed out of hate. George had

learned a lot about this from Candy, an old man living at the ranch. Candy had an old dog that was sick and not very popular, because it smelled and was not good to anyone.

The ranch men wanted to get it killed, but Candy could not kill it candy had had that dog since it was puppy. Therefore, Candy let another man kill his dog. And Candy told George he regretted it afterwards. Lennie had to be killed by George, and George killed him out of love. It was a hard decision for George to kill his best friend, but he thought it was a right one. George had a hard time, standing there with Carlson's gun pointed at Lennie's back head, while telling him about their dream. But at last, George pulled the trigger, and Lennie died.

But actually if George could think more rational and did not kill Lennie, maybe there were some possibility that would happen in Lennie like the people would get Lennie and sent him in jail. Because Lennie is a human, he can not be compered with Candy's old and limp dog. Eventhough Lennie believes George with his life and George have a responsibility for existence of Lennie, to kill Lennie is irrational thing, and Lennie was the victim uncontrolled one's ego and let frustrated hold him when he can not get his important goal or the goal of the his id, was denied. So he can not back to the reality fact and can not think clearly.

Of Mice and Men deals with many facets of human responsibility and love. We know that Lennie is prone to killing things, and George has to keep constant watch over him to make sure he does not hurt or kill anyone or thing. While George was playing horseshoes with his coworkers, Lennie kills Curley's wife by breaking her neck. As George, Curley and the rest of the group try to find Lennie, he escapes to a river. George eventually does find him. George knows he has to two choices to make: kill Lennie and save him from what would happen to him at the hands of the others, or let him live and see what happens. After they talked, George eventually killed him.

The popular saying about this suggestion is, too wrongs do not make a right. This is true when it comes to the conflict. George would become just as guilty as Lennie if he were to murder is never justified. Obviously, George felt that he did the right thing in killing Lennie, and doing it took courage. But sincere people can be dead wrong. Lennie should have been brought to the police for a fair trial. The ones who were hurting the murderers became murderers themselves. They did not have the right to kill Lennie.