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The book *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck tell an interesting and exciting story about two men, George and Lennie. George who was short and with a strong temper and Lennie who was tall and strong, but who suffer from an intellectual developmental disorder. At the beginning of the story I was a little skeptical because I was having difficulty understanding the language of the book. Later on, I started to enjoy the reading specially when George told Lennie how they were going to live after they finished their job at the ranch. George was always controlling everything Lennie says or do. For example, when Lennie was talking to Curley's wife he said, "George says I ain't to have nothing to do with you-talk to you or nothing", "says I can't tend no rabbits if I talk to you or anything" (86). George's reasoning behind that was that he didn't want Lennie to get in trouble and be forced to leave his side.

George always told Lennie about the beautiful life that he would live without him in his life. He always said to Lennie that he was the cause of all the trouble that he went through. However, I think that George didn't want Lennie to leave his side because he wouldn't have someone to protect him. he portrayed himself in front of Lennie with a strong attitude, but in reality, he feels as little as a mouse without Lennie. Since Lennie met Curley's wife, I had the feeling that something bad was going to happen between Lennie and her; however, I never thought that he was going to kill her. Lennie was like a "child", he was really innocent and good. By the end of the book, I felt like George betrayed Lennie and it made me really sad the way that George killed him. I don't know if George did it like that because he felt fear of Lennie or if he made the right decision by killing Lennie. I didn't like the end.