Of Mice and Men

WebQuest Description: After reading John Steinbeck novel, Of Mice and Men, the students should be able to complete the tasks.

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Introduction

Have you ever wanted to change the ending of a novel? Have things not quite gone your way or do you feel like a character was slighted or misjudged? Well here's your chance to right that wrong! You may have finished reading Of Mice and Men but the journey itself has just begun. In this quest, you will rewrite the ending of the novel as you see fit. You have the power to tell the story that you envisioned when reading the novel and put your own special twist on it. Keep in mind the characters and their traits and be sure to stay true to those. The characters' fates are in your hands now!

Tasks

Task 1: Students will research the time period and Salinas Valley and take away important details to add to their story.

Task 2: Students will create a character web to gain a better understanding of the novel's characters so that their stories do not stay too far from the plot.

Task 3: Students will recreate the ending of the novel, Of Mice and Men. Students will write what they feel should have happened or what they feel would have made the ending even better.

Process

Task 1:a. Students will visit http://www.salinaschamber.com/history.asp to get a brief history of the location that their story will take place. The website will provide further detail of Salinas Valley and possibly aid students in adding small but vital detail to their stories.
b. Students will research the Great Depression and pull facts from what they find and include them in their story.

Task 2:a. Students will use the attached graphic organizer or one they have found and fill it in with the several characters of the novel.
b. Students will use the book to fill in the remainder of the character map with personality traits and physical features of the characters.

Task 3:a. Students will use the novel and information they have found online to create an alternate ending to Of Mice and Men.
b. Students will start their story right before Lennie and Curly's Wife's encounter.
c. Students must type their story and have a minimum of 3 pages.
d. Students must develop at least 2 characters within the story.

Evaluation

Your work will be graded on a scale system, 1 being the lowest and 4 being the highest!

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<td>Small issues with formatting. Paper above requested length and easy to read.</td>
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<td>Grammar/Spelling</td>
<td>Lots of spelling errors. Flow of the paper is off and makes it hard to read.</td>
<td>Spelling errors and incorrect grammar usage. Inconsistent flow of paper</td>
<td>Most words are spelled correctly and only one or two consistent sentence or punctuation errors.</td>
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<td>Content</td>
<td>No facts about Salinas Valley or the Great Depression</td>
<td>Very little facts about Salinas Valley or Great Depression. Facts are not tied into the story.</td>
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Teacher Page

Hello! My name is Joshua Moore and I am a future teacher attending the Mercer University as a graduate student. I hope that you are able to use my webquest in your classroom and your students have fun completing it. As long as you have read Of Mice and Men your students should be able to complete the webquest. I hope your students have as much fun completing this webquest as I did creating it!

Standards

Credits

Other