

Special Project:
Analyzing and Explaining Your Connections

Students, your completion of this phase of the project will move us another step closer to our goal of creating a chapter for the book about *Of Mice and Men*. Take a moment to study and reflect on the list of connections you compiled during your reading of the novella. Then select five connections of special importance and write an analysis of each one. Write each analysis on this worksheet. Here is an example of how you might approach the analysis.

On page 9 of *Of Mice and Men*, George and Lennie discuss their shared dream of "livin off the fat of the land." This vision as it embodies the idealized American dream connects well with a multitude of songs. For example, the song "American Dream" by Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young discusses the dream and how it erodes, much like, though in a completely different context, the dream of George and Lennie.

In terms of which songs you choose to discuss, consider the following criteria:

- the connection is unique;
- the connection is solid and immediately understandable so that others will be able to see it with or without the lyrics;
- the connection is representative of your own musical tastes.

Connection One: _____

Connection Two: _____

Connection Three: _____

Connection Four: _____

Connection Five: _____
