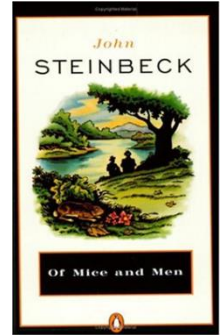


## Honors English Ten Summer Assignment

Welcome to Honors English Ten! For our opening unit, we will be reading different texts (novels, short stories, poetry, fiction, non-fiction) that will help you to synthesize answers to the following essential questions: **What does personal responsibility look like? What traits should it include?** Your summer reading assignment will be your first opportunity to assess how an author, John Steinbeck, in his novella, Of Mice and Men, uses the protagonist's plight to answer these questions. **Your summer assignment includes the tasks listed below; it is due on: Wednesday, September 6, 2017:**



1. Purchase of John Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men.
2. Completion of a dialectical journal with 18 entries.
3. Use of the dialectical journal entries to write a one-two page MLA formatted essay.

### Dialectical Journal Requirements:

1. The best dialectical journals are ones that students complete as they read. Your best ideas will come when the text you are reading is fresh in your mind. While reading the novel, complete your dialectical journal by recording and citing important quotations and character development of the characters *Lennie*, *George*, *Curley*, *Curley's wife*, and *Crooks*.
2. On the left side of the journal, write quotes from the novel which develops these characters. Record evidence that directly describes a character, or indirectly describes a character by what the character says, what the character does, what the character thinks, or the reactions of other characters to the character.
3. Then, on the right side of the journal, record responses about your feelings, opinions, or observations about the characters based upon the quotations.
4. You will need to complete three entries per chapter for a total of 18 entries.
5. Your journal entries must be HANDWRITTEN.

### Sample Journal Entry: *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Quotes from the Novel	Feelings/Opinions/Observations
Atticus, the lawyer, "knew his people, they knew him, and because of Simon Finch's industry, Atticus was related by blood or marriage to nearly every family in the town" (Lee 5).	<i>Atticus:</i> Atticus seems to be a well-respected person in Maycomb, and since he is a lawyer, he also must be fairly intelligent. Maycomb must be a relatively small town where everyone knows everyone if Atticus is indeed related to most of the people. I think Atticus most likely will play an important role in this book because of his position.

### Essay Requirements

Identify one dynamic character from your dialectical journal. Explain why this character is dynamic; then, choose two events from the novel to show how he or she demonstrates responsibility and loyalty in his or her friendships with other characters.

Use direct quotations and specific examples to support your choice of character. Cite your evidence using MLA citation. Explain, in detail, how your evidence supports your choice of character. Avoid merely summarizing the evidence; prove how the two chosen events demonstrate that she or he is responsible and loyal to others. Your essay should be no more than 2 pages (typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman, with parenthetical citations).