***Of Mice and Men* Response to Literature**

*Of Mice and Men* is a classic tale of dreams unfulfilled and events gone totally wrong. In this essay, you will explore the ill-fated characters and the events that led to the conclusion. Was this conclusion inevitable? Could the events be changed along the way? Was what George did to Lenny justified?

In a multi paragraph *persuasive* essay, you will ascertain whether George was justified in doing what he did. You will support your claim with solid evidence from the novella in the form of examples and quotes, and use rhetorical devices to make your writing more compelling.

**Your essay should have the following elements:**

* The introductory paragraph should include the title of the selection, author’s name, a synopsis of the novella, and a clear claim.
* The body paragraphs must consist of logical reasoning that support your claim, with quotes and examples from the novella to support your statement.
* You *may* also use outside sources to support your statements (e.g research about mental illness, allusions to the setting)
* Your essay should include reader concerns and counterarguments.
* Your conclusion should include a restatement of your claim, a summary of the main points of your essay, and should provide a feeling of closure.