

Of mice and men

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The writer uses narratorial commentary of the scene and what is happening in it. The writer also uses a third person to present Candy and show his feeling and emotions to the reader and makes the reader feel sympathetic for the character. He is giving us a lot of information of the character by doing this and it tells us the thought of the reader's learnt for reading this novel that Candy is a lonely and isolated character in the ranch as soon he will be useless as he is getting old as a result of this the boss will have to kick him out of the ranch as he will be useless as a consequence of this he will be left to starve in the cold and will die. Candy's dog, is described as ancient this refers to Candy as he is also old. Candy's dog was once an impressive sheep herder but now toothless, foul-smelling, and brittle with age supports Candy's fears. As a consequence of this Carlson suggests to shoot the dog as it is just suffering and useless which he eventually does. Another thing is Candy wanted to take part in George and Lennie's dream and live on the fat of the land and from my own knowledge I know most people in America were living rough so most people had the same dream to live on the fat of the land and Candy thinks that George and Lennie can achieve this so he decides to help them as he knows he is getting old and will soon get kicked out the ranch and will be classed by other men as not useful, also he tells them that most of the other men don't save their money but go and spend it on booze and women. But he thinks that they can do it the dream of living out his days with George and Lennie on their dream farm distracts Candy from this harsh reality. This means that they can have much more freedom than other people as it will be their own place. He doesn't like Curley's wife he thinks she is a tart and flirts around with men so he thinks she is trouble. The text is very

judgemental about the characters and he refers to Culey's wife as a tart. The text is written in a third person view. Steinbeck set his novel in America during the Great Depression of the 1930s. A series of droughts in the country meant that a 'dust bowl' was created, causing crop failures. Whole families had to move, and many headed West in search of work. Refugee camps were created, and emergency accommodation ('Homerville') sprang up. There was no system of state relief, so many were forced to beg for the means to live. Because of the mass unemployment, those who managed to find work had to accept very bad working conditions and low pay, and many had to become migrant workers, moving from ranch to ranch in search of work. The writer also shows another form of discrimination in society at the time such as black people were referred to as Negroes and were isolated from society. It also shows how lonely and isolated the characters are.