



SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING  
ENGLISH III (HONORS)  
2017-2018



Dear Parents and Students,

Reading comprehension skills are essential to a student's academic growth. These skills can benefit a person for a lifetime. In an effort to nurture both the habits of good reading and the love of reading, as well as develop strong reading skills, the following reading assignment has been assigned to all English III Honors level students. Every English III Honors student must read and annotate the book over the summer. This assignment is due the first day of the new school year, so get started now! If your schedule changes from English III Honors to another level of English III, it is your responsibility to obtain the appropriate reading list as found on the Slidell High School website.

It is strongly suggested that a personal copy of this novel be obtained and annotated. However, one may be checked out from the library and annotations can be done on post-it notes or as split-page notes.

**ASSIGNMENT** – Annotate this novel using the attached annotation guidelines.

### English III (Honors) Summer Reading

#### *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

Fiction - Novella

#### Synopsis

They are an unlikely pair: George is “small and quick and dark of face.” Lennie, a man of tremendous size, has the mind of a young child. Yet, they have formed a “family”, clinging together in the face of loneliness and alienation.

Laborers in California's dusty vegetable fields, they hustle work when they can, living a hand-to-mouth existence. For George and Lennie have a plan: to own an acre of land and a shack they can call their own. When they land jobs on a ranch in the Salinas Valley, the fulfillment of their dream seems to be within their grasp. But, even George cannot guard Lennie from the unseen factors, nor predict the consequences of Lennie's unswerving obedience to the things George taught him.