Task: In groups you are going to prepare a presentation on the character of Crooks.

During your preparation, ensure that the following ideas are covered. Be ready to demonstrate your ideas by specific references to the text - these will help when it comes to revision.

**Victim**
- of racial prejudice and unequal treatment.

**Physically abused**
- by boss.

**Nickname**
- short for ‘crooked back’ (from being kicked by a horse).

**Inner feelings**
- demonstrate unfairness and make us sympathise with him.

**More possessions**
- than others.

**Loneliness**
- Is demonstrated when Lennie and Candy visit him.

**Cynical**
- Does not believe in dream.

**Jealous**
- of the close relationship between Lennie and George.

**Powerlessness**
- because he is black.
Task: In groups you are going to prepare a presentation on the character of Curley’s Wife.

During your preparation, ensure that the following ideas are covered. Be ready to demonstrate your ideas by specific references to the text – these will help when it comes to revision.

Attractiveness is her weapon although not much use to her on the ranch.

Negative image of her is reinforced by Steinbeck’s description.

George’s view … a tramp and a jailbait.

Criticised before we meet her.

Inner feelings demonstrate unfairness and make us sympathise with her.

No win situation She can’t make friends.

No name She’s defined by her relationship with Curley, not seen as an individual.

Curley’s wife

Attractiveness

Inner feelings

Negative image

Powerlessness She tries to threaten Crooks and Candy with what little power she has.

Dreams of Hollywood! Believes it might have come true.
Task: In groups you are going to prepare a presentation on the character of Slim.

During your preparation, ensure that the following ideas are covered. Be ready to demonstrate your ideas by specific references to the text - these will help when it comes to revision.

**Main purpose:**
To set the moral tone of the bunkhouse – self-respect and noble qualities despite status. An ally in the downtrodden ranch.

**Justice**
Slim ensures that justice is done.

**Relief**
For the reader when he first appears (he is on George and Lennie’s side against the powerful ranch family).

**Kindness**
He gives Lennie a puppy.

**Universal respect**
The jerk line skinner, or supervisor in charge of steering horse or mule drawn carts. Steinbeck praises his personal qualities more than he does any other character’s.

**Supportive**
to George in his difficulties with his friend.

**Authority**
is great but not great enough.

**Confidence**
Treats George with respect which draws confidence. Others place their trust in him.