



BioPoem Strategy as Part of a Character Analysis for *Of Mice and Men*

Directions: A BioPoem is a specific kind of poem that follows a specific formula. The formula you will use for this assignment is written below. You can write your BioPoem about any major character of your choice in this novel (You might want to consider Lennie, George, Crooks, Curley, Curley's wife, Slim, Candy, or anyone else in the novel that you feel would be appropriate.). Your goal in this assignment is to get to know this character better by having a chance to think about different aspects of him/her. Follow the directions step-by-step so that you maintain the formula. But, be creative in the words you choose. If there is a detail you do not know (like a last name), make up something you feel would be appropriate. Pattern your own BioPoem after the models we read in class. Enjoy!

The Formula:

Line 1. First Name

Line 2. Four traits that describe character (adjectives)

Line 3. Relative (brother, sister, daughter, son, etc.) of _____

Line 4. Lover of _____
(list three things or people)

Line 5. Who feels _____ (three items)

Line 6. Who needs _____ (three items)

Line 7. Who fears _____ (three items)

Line 8. Who gives _____ (three items)

Line 9. Who would like to see _____ (three items)

Line 10. Resident of _____

Line 11. Last Name