

OF MICE AND MEN: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the book *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck to the movie *Of Mice and Men* (1992) starring John Malkovich and Gary Sinise. Screenplay by Horton Foote. Directed by Gary Sinise. A Metro-Goldyn-Mayer Picture.



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SAMPLE OF MICE AND MEN: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF *OF MICE AND MEN* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by John Steinbeck

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *Of Mice and Men* (1992) starring John Malkovich, Gary Sinise. Screenplay by Horton Foote. Directed by Gary Sinise. A Metro-Goldyn-Mayer Picture. This is the best film of the book. Characters and plot are fairly accurate. Malkovich is spellbinding as Lennie.

HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?

Plot: ★★☆☆☆ Characters: ★★☆☆☆ Setting: ★★★★★

Structure: ★★☆☆☆ Symbols: ★★☆☆☆ Theme: ★★☆☆☆

THE MOVIE: SUMMARY

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 1

OPENING SCENE: Briefly, we see a pensive man (George) riding in a dark railway car. The rest of the film is seen as a flashback. (**ERROR:** *In the book there is no train and no flashback*) A woman wearing a torn red dress runs across a field. (**ERROR:** *The opening scene of the book is of George and Lennie walking through the woods*) The scene switches to George and Lennie running from a group of armed men on horseback with tracking dogs. The men and dogs chase them. George and Lennie run to an irrigation ditch and hide in the water behind some bushes. (**ERROR:** *In the book the story of how Lennie touched the woman's red dress and George and Lennie's escape from the armed men by hiding in the irrigation ditch is told by George to Slim in Chapter 3. The story is related in conversation only*)

The scene switches to George and Lennie running to board a freight train. (**ERROR:** *No train in the book*) Lennie asks George where they are going and says he is all wet. George helps him out of his wet coat and tells him to lie down and get some rest. (**ERROR:** *Not in the book*)

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QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *Of Mice and Men* (1992) starring John Malkovich and Gary Sinise to the novel *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.

- ___ 1. The setting of the story in both the movie and the book is in
a. Idaho b. Oregon c. California d. Arizona
- ___ 2. In the opening scene of the movie, George is riding on a train. In the opening scene of the book, George and Lennie are
a. running from dogs
b. walking through the woods
c. running from armed men
d. walking to a bus
- ___ 3. In the movie and the book George explains Lennie's personality by saying Lennie was
a. kicked in the head by a horse
b. shot in the head in the war
c. injured in a car accident
d. injured in a fall

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