

Summary of Chapter One – *Of Mice and Men* Name: _____

Two men emerge from the path along the Salinas River that runs a few miles south of _____, California. Traveling to a nearby farm for work, they were let off by the bus driver several miles away. The two men walk in a single file path down to a deep pool near the river. Both men, _____ and _____, wear denim trousers and coats. _____ is small and quick, dark of face with restless eyes and strong, sharp features. Every part of him is defined. _____, who walks behind him, is an enormous man with wide, sloping shoulders. Lennie drinks long gulps from the pool, and George _____, telling him that he will get sick again, for the water may be dirty. George warns him that he should never drink water that isn't running. Lennie imitates the way that George wears his hat. Lennie, who is _____, asks George where they are going, and George in turn scolds him for forgetting. Lennie claims that he remembers about _____, the only part of their plan that he can ever remember. George notices that Lennie has his hands in his pockets, and asks what he has. It is a _____, that Lennie kept to pet with his thumb as they walked. George explains to Lennie that they are going to work _____ like the one in Weed from which they came, and tells Lennie _____ when they get to the ranch, for their boss will think that Lennie is insane. He also warns him not to do the things that caused them to be run out of Weed. George makes Lennie hand over the dead mouse, and tells him that he might get him _____ if he can take care of it. Lennie remembers that a woman (whom George identifies as his _____) would give mice to him, but George reminds Lennie that he always _____. They eat cans of beans for dinner, and Lennie tells George that he likes them _____. George, angered at what he perceives to be Lennie's complaint, tells Lennie that without him he could do whatever he wanted, but Lennie gets him _____. They were run out of their previous job when Lennie wanted to _____, and she screamed, accusing Lennie of attempting _____. Lennie feebly apologizes. George tells him that at the first chance he gets, he will get Lennie _____, which he will find harder to kill than a mouse. Lennie asks George to tell him _____. George tells him the story which he has told Lennie many times: men like George and Lennie that work on ranches are _____, with no family and no home, but they have _____. Someday they're going to raise enough money to have a _____. They will live off the _____ and have a big vegetable patch and a _____. George makes Lennie promise that he will not say a word, and tells him that if there is any trouble like last time, he should _____.