Use this sheet to familiarize yourself with terms within each chapter to improve comprehension.

**Section One:**

1. **Acre** (n.): an area of land equal to 4,840 square yards or 43,560 square feet. (For comparison, a football field is 45,000 square feet, so one acre is a little smaller than a football field.)
2. **Bindle** (n.): a small bundle of items rolled up inside a blanket and carried over the shoulder or on the back; a bedroll.
3. **Cat house** (n.): whore house; house of prostitution
4. **Heron** (n.): a wading bird with a long neck, beak, and legs. (A bird that is often found wading in the water, usually in a search for food.)
5. **Imperious** (adj.): Arrogantly domineering or overbearing
6. **Juncture** (n.):where two things come together. (The juncture of a willow leaf is where the two sides of the leaf meet in the center; a juncture of a road is an intersection.)
7. **Lumber** (v.): to walk heavily
8. **Migrant** (n.): a worker who moves from one region or country to another.
9. **Morose** (adv.): in a sad, gloomy manner
10. **Mottled** (adj.): having a variety of hues or colors; variegated, like marble
11. **Pantomime** (v.): Communication by means of gesture and facial expression
12. **Recumbent** (adj.): still; without movement
13. **Sycamore** (n.): a type of shade tree with leaves resembling the leaves of a maple tree.
14. **Tramp** (n.): a person who travels about on foot, usually doing odd jobs for a living (To "tramp" means to travel on foot. We will see other definitions of tramp as well.)
15. **Yammered** (v.): continuous talking or whiney complaining

**Section Two:**

1. **Apprehensive** (adj.): anxious; fearful
2. **Bridled** (v.): to pull one's head back in anger or pride; especially when feeling offended
3. **Brusquely** (adv.): roughly; abruptly
4. **Burlap** (n.): a coarse, inexpensive, woven fabric (often used for making grain sacks)
5. **Cesspool** (n.): a deep hole in the ground into which sewage from sinks, toilets, etc. is drained.
6. **Complacently** (adv.): in a pleased, satisfied manner
7. **Cultivator** (n.): a large farm machine used for cultivation, the preparation of the earth for planting.
8. **Derogatory** (adj.): belittling and insulting
9. **Gingerly** (adv.): in a careful, cautious way
10. **Grizzled** (adj.): having, or streaked with, grey hair
11. **Lame** (adv.): to be ‘handicapped’ or injured; especially pertaining to the leg or foot.
12. **Lashed** (v.): swung around quickly
13. **Lightweight** (n.): a boxer who weighs between 127 - 135 pounds
14. **Liniment** (n.): a medicated liquid rubbed on the skin to ease sore muscles and sprains
15. **Mollified** (adj.): soothed; pacified
16. **Mules** (n): a type of shoe or slipper than does not cover the heel of the foot.
17. **Muzzle** (n.): the projecting part (the part that sticks out) of a dog’s head that includes the mouth, nose, and jaw.
18. **Precede** (v.): to go before or ahead of
19. **Pugnacious** (adj.): eager and ready to fight
20. **Rouged** (adj.): colored red, as with lipstick
21. **Scourge** (n.): anything that inflicts discomfort or suffering; any variety of insects, bugs or pests
22. **Skeptically** (adv.): to doubt or question something.
23. **Slough** (v): get rid of
24. **Solitaire** (n): a one-person game of cards.
25. **Spurs** (n.): sharp, pointed metal devices worn on the heels of a boots, used to urge on horses when riding. (Using spurs is cruelty toward the horse.)
26. **Stocky** (adj.): heavily and solidly built
27. **Swamper** (n.): a handyman; someone who performs odd jobs often involving cleaning
28. **Tart** (n.) a woman of loose morals; one who is prone to be sexually unfaithful
29. **Tramp** (n.): a woman of loose morals who is sexually promiscuous. (Previous definitions have been given for this word as well.)
30. **Vials** (n.): small bottles

**Section Three:**

1. **Alfalfa** (n.): a plant widely grown for animal feed
2. **Bemused** (v.): preoccupied; deep in thought
3. **Bleat** (n.): the cry of a goat, sheep, or calf. (In this case, Lennie cries out with terror in an animal-like way.)
4. **Chamber** (n.): the part of the gun that holds the next bullet to be shot.
5. **Cowering** (v.): to shrink and tremble from fear.
6. **Derision** (v.): to make fun of a person; to mock, jeer, taunt, or ridicule. (The sound of voices of derision would be the sound of people making fun of, or laughing at, another person.)
7. **Does** (n.): female rabbits
8. **Dusk** (n.): the beginning of darkness in the evening as the sun is setting.
9. **Euchre** (n.): a card game
10. **Receptive** (adj.): able and willing to listen to and accept information, new ideas, etc. (Slim is willing to listen to what George is about to tell him.)
11. **Reprehensible** (adj.): to reprimand, criticize, or yell at a person. (Something that is reprehensible is something that is deserving of criticism.)
12. **Rheumatism** (n.): a type of arthritis; painful condition involving the joints and muscles.
13. **Sarcastically** (adj.): in a mean way; bitterly, jokingly in a mocking tone
14. **Slug** (n.): a single drink; especially of alcohol
15. **Smoke house** (n.): a building where meat or fish is cured (prepared) by means of dense smoke.

**Chapter Four:**

1. **Aloof** (adj.): distant; removed; cool
2. **Appraised**: judged
3. **Arouse**: to excite; bring about
4. **Champing** (v.): chewing noisily
5. **Contempt**: The feeling that a person or a thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving scorn.
6. **Ego**: sense of self; self-awareness
7. **Faint**: (v.) to lose consciousness, to pass out
8. **Hame** (n.): the piece along the side of a horse collar to which the trace chains are attached
9. **Maul** (v.): to treat something roughly or clumsily.
10. **Meager** (adj.): of poor quality or small amount
11. **Riveter** (n.): a tool used to fasten rivets. (Rivets are small metal bolts or pins used to attach fabric and leather pieces together.)
12. **Rummy** (n.): a card game
13. **Scorn**: Feel or express contempt or to make fun of negatively. (Crooks is scornful of Lennie because he thinks Lennie's plan is nothing more than a dream.)
14. **Subside**: become less excited; calmed down
15. **Twict**: a sharp, sudden punch.
16. **Whinny**: the low, gentle sound (sometimes called a "neigh") that a horse makes

**Chapters Five and Six:**

1. **Darkly** (adv.): deeply; richly; secretly
2. **Draw** (v.): To pull information out of someone. (Curley's wife is trying to get him to talk and draw information from Lenny.)
3. **Dugs** (n.): nipples or teats of a farm animal
4. **Emphasis** (n.): force; expression; stress
5. **Faint** (adj.): weak; dim; unclear
6. **Gingham** (n.): a cotton cloth, usually woven in stripes or checks. (Picnic tablecloths are usually red and white gingham.)
7. **Hover** (v.): linger; staying suspended
8. **Jack-pin** (n.): a removable wooden or metal pin around which ropes can be fastened.
9. **Monotonous** (adj.): flat, with no expression
10. **Pulley** (n.): a simple machine made with a wheel and rope used to lift objects
11. **Sulk** (v.): to be silent, morose, and bad-tempered out of annoyance or disappointment.
12. **Sullen** (adj.): to be sad; in a depressing and gloomy way
13. **Talon** (adj.): a finger-like claw. (A four-taloned fork would be a fork with four "claws.")
14. **Wisps** (n.): tiny, slight strands or pieces
15. **Writhe** (v.): to twist with pain