WESTCHESTER
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Honors American Literature
Summer Reading Assignment 2026

Of Mice and Men (1937), a story of shattered dreams, became John Steinbeck's first big success. George Milton and Lennie Small, two traveling ranch hands, dream of one day owning their own small farm. George acts as a father figure to Lennie, who is large and simple-minded. Lennie loves all that is soft, but his immense physical strength is a source of troubles and George is needed to calm him. The two friends find work from a farm and start saving money for their future...you have to read the rest to find out what happens.

After reading the novella, your task is to **write an alternate ending** to the story. This new ending should be at least a page and half, typed in 12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced.

This assignment is due on the first day of school.