***Of Mice and Men* Summative Assignment** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per\_\_\_

We’ve finished the book; today you’ll begin outlining an essay demonstrating your understanding of both characterization and theme.

**Step One:** brainstorm with your group as many **themes** as you can that you saw in the text. Write those in the space below:

**Step Two:** take ONE of those words you just wrote down and turn it into a **theme statement** (example: *trust* is necessary for a successful friendship):

**Step three:** Now, discuss which **three** characters best illustrate that theme.

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| Character Name | Connection to that theme? |
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(Hint: the character you have collected the **most** evidence for will be the **easiest** to write about!)

**Step Four:** Turn this information into a ***thesis statement***: Here’s the recipe for a thesis statement:

*Topic* + **Opinion** + Reasons = Outcome

**Example:** *George* **is able to trust Slim** because Slim listens respectfully without judging*;* this could lead to a successful friendship.

*Write your thesis in the box below:*

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