

## Literary Analysis Task #2

Read the first three chapters of *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. In a well-developed, multi-paragraph essay, explain how Steinbeck develops a theme – the one you’ve been tracking on your Theme Log – over the course of the first three chapters of the novel. In your explanation, you may consider the following: point of view, diction, imagery, symbolism, and detail (*RL.1.2, RL.2.4, W.1.2*).

Your essay must be based on the ideas and information found in the text; consider using your Theme Log to include relevant woven, cited quotations as evidence in your essay (*W.3.9, W.2.4, RL.1.1*).

Before you begin, be sure that you have carefully read the novella and planned your response. Once you write your response, be sure to revise and edit your response according to the Proofreading Expectations before uploading it to Turnitin.com by October 6th (*W.2.4, W.2.6*).

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## Informative/Explanatory Rubric

The rubric by which your Literary Analysis Task essay will be graded is on the back of this sheet. It is important that you write an organized essay that has a clear purpose and obvious focus as you respond to the prompt. Provide plenty of evidence, and elaborate on it to explain how Steinbeck develops theme. Lastly, be sure to thoroughly proofread your writing.