

Power & Conflict: Of Mice & Men

Context

Context for OM&M will include the following key areas: The Wall Street Crash, The Great Depression, The Dust Bowl and worker migration to 'Golden California' pursuing 'The American Dream', Racism in the 1930s, Gender Inequality in the 1930s.

Narrative Summary

Of Mice and Men is a novel by John Steinbeck about Lennie and George, migrant workers during the Great Depression. George and Lennie are migrant workers who dream of someday owning their own ranch. They begin working on a new ranch. The boss's son, Curley, instantly dislikes the mentally disabled Lennie. George and Lennie befriend Candy, an aging laborer. Candy offers to contribute money towards George and Lennie's ranch if he can retire with them. Lennie accidentally kills Curley's wife. Knowing that their dream is out of reach and a lynch mob is imminent, George kills Lennie as an act of mercy.

Themes / Ideas

Utopia / The American Dream	
Loneliness	
Power / Powerlessness	

Anguished	
Belligerently	
Ominously	
Pugnacious	
Recumbent	

Reading

Retrieve, Interpret, Infer, Consider, Evaluate

Analyse Methods (language), Analyse Methods (structure)

Media

Propp / Todorov Narrative Structure

Assessment

HT1: Reading: Analyse a prose extract of OM&M (method, theme, context, structure)

HT1: Spoken English: Perform

Power & Conflict: World War 1 Poetry

Context

World War One more than any other war is associated with the so-called 'war poets'. The poems written by men such as Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon and Rupert Brooke, amongst others, is as poignant today as it was both during the war and immediately after it. It is probable that the sheer scale, horror and futility of World War One spurred on already gifted and talented writers who had answered their nation's call to arms. Some, like Brookes, joined up as he was caught up in a wave of patriotism that swept through Great Britain. The overall belief was that World War One would be over by Christmas 1914 and a vast number of young men did not want to miss 'the fun'. Their naïve outlook was quickly shattered as they arrived at the frontline and experienced trench warfare.

Themes / Ideas	
Loss of Innocence	
Individual & Universal Suffering	
Nature and Disruption	

Key Vocab	
Armistice	
Conscription	
Disenchanted	
Propaganda	
Visceral	

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Writing	
Letter: Persuade	
Speech: Persuade	
Nouns, Pronouns, Adjectives	
Discourse Markers, Paragraphing, Sentence Structure	
Capital Letters, Full-Stops, Commas, Semi-Colons	

Media	
Mise En Scene	

Assessment	
HT2: Writing: Speech: Write a Persuasive Speech	

Poems
from
the First
World
War

