Of Mice and Men Ch. 2a (pgs. 17-27) Reading Questions

Directions: Answer all questions on a separate piece of paper, in complete sentences. You may make notes on this sheet while we read.

1. List three qualities of a good friend. Write down the three adjectives. A good friend is _____________________, _____________________, and _____________________.

2. Provide examples of each of these qualities from pages 17–27. Include the page number.

3. What animal would you say Curley is most like? (Focus on pages 24–27.) Explain by including examples and quotations from the text to support and illustrate your point.

4. Define the word foreshadow or foreshadowing. What event is foreshadowed on pages 26–27? What specific words support your prediction?

5. Based on the details Steinbeck uses to describe the bunkhouse (17–19), how would you characterize the lives of the men who work on the ranch? Use specific words and explain why those are the right words to describe them.

6. Develop two test questions based on the second chapter:
   a. Right There (Literal) Question: This is a factual question that you can answer by pointing “right there” on the page to find the answer.

   b. Between the Lines (Inferential) Question: This question is more complex. The answer cannot be pointed to on the page but must be inferred from other details in the story.