**Of Mice and Men**

**Research Essay**

***Choose 1 of the following topics, you will be doing extensive research on your topic, so choose carefully ☺***

**Option #1**

Research the *historical context* of the novel. Examine how the Dust Bowl affected migrant labor in California. How does this affect the characters in *Of Mice and Men*?

**Option #2**

Explain the significance of the title and how it connects to the novel. Hint: the phrase *Of Mice and Men* comes from Robert Burns’ poem ‘To a Mouse’ written in 1786. Examine the poem, analyze the phrase and discuss how it relates to the novel.

**Logistics:**

\*2 pages minimum, 5 pages maximum. As many paragraphs as you need, remember – you need a strong introductory paragraph, a strong conclusion, and as many body paragraphs as you have points to discuss.

\*typed, double-spaced, 12pt font, new times roman

\*well proofed and edited - you absolutely, positively must run spell check

\*you may submit via hard copy or electronically on Edmodo. If you choose Edmodo, your document MUST BE A WORD .DOC document. I will not accept any other formats.

\*No late work will be accepted, no exceptions.

\*MLA format works cited page with a minimum of three sources (one of which will be the novel). We will discuss in class, there are about 1,000 websites that will build a works cited page for you. Easy stuff.