

**CRITICAL READING QUESTIONS chapter 2 (15 points):** Use complete sentences and evidence from the text.

1. According to the old man, why was the boss mad at George and Lennie?
2. What does George find in the box by his bed and what does he assume?
3. Describe the “stable buck.” What physical attributes does he have? What does the boss use him for?
4. Describe the fight between the “stable buck” and Smitty.
5. What is Lennie’s last name? Why is this ironic?
6. What does the boss suspect George of doing to Lennie?
7. What reason does George give for taking care of Lennie?
8. What is George’s last name?
9. Describe Curley.
10. What does the swamper tell George about Curley’s left hand?
11. Describe Curley’s wife.
12. Why does Curley’s wife come into the bunkhouse?
13. Describe Slim. What is his job on the ranch? What are some of his character traits?
14. What did Slim do to four of his pups?

15. What does Lennie want George to ask Slim?