



John Steinbeck is a famous American author who lived in California. He is also the author of the book we are about to read, *Of Mice and Men*. In this activity, you and a partner are going to compile as much information about Steinbeck as possible.

**Step One:** We are going to go to the library and research John Steinbeck on the Internet. We will be using my web site as a starting block for all research, as I have a link to a fabulous site that will give you all the information you need. When you get to my home page, click on John Steinbeck and then click on brochure activity. Please refer to the printout version of the linked web page that I provided you with in class.

**Step Two:** You and your partner will have to choose ONE of the following TWO topics to research on:

- John Steinbeck's biography (life, accomplishments, interesting facts)
- The area where John Steinbeck lived

According to the choice you made, there will be Internet links on the site that correspond with both the biography and the geographical information.

**Step Three:** As you take notes, keep in mind that YOU MAY NOT COPY ANYTHING DOWN DIRECTLY FOR YOUR BROCHURE. THAT IS WHAT WE LIKE TO CALL PLAGIARISM AND WILL RESULT IN A ZERO FOR THE PROJECT, AS WELL AS A REFERRAL.

**Step Four:** Please note that there are many questions on the linked website that will and can guide your research. You may not write the answers to those questions in order and you may not use those questions as headings.

**Step Five:** Create a one-page brochure that depicts the information that you have just gathered about John Steinbeck. You may either use the computer or your very own artistic ability to create that brochure. Be creative and, above all, neat!