

Writing a book review *Of Mice and Men*

What do other people think of this novel? Do they think the events are realistic? Do they think that Steinbeck is a good author? Information like this is often included in a book review, whether the review is published in a magazine, newspaper, or on-line. Many people read these reviews before they devote their time to reading a particular book.

TASK: For this project, you will read two simplistic examples of a book review on the novel, *Of Mice and Men* and then you will write your very own review. Your review should reflect your opinion of the book, along with presenting specific reasons why you feel that way.

PROCEDURE:

- Read the two book reviews as a class and discuss their effectiveness (or not).
- Read How To Write a Book Review worksheet and discuss the specific elements of a book review.
- Write your very own book review.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Structure your review logically.
- Support your assertions that this was a great (or poor) novel.
- Clarify and defend your positions with precise and relevant evidence—including expert opinions.

BOOK REVIEW:

- Your book review should contain five parts: title, introduction, thesis, body, and conclusion. Yours should be modeled after the model presented on the How to Write a Book Review worksheet.
- Needs to be typed, 12 font, Times New Roman.