1. How does Curley’s wife show that she is not as contemptible as she seems?
2. When Curley’s wife is trying to console Lennie, she states: “You can get another one easy. The whole country is fulla mutts.” How might that statement be applied to more than just animals?
3. What similarity can be found between the death of the puppy at the beginning of the chapter and the death of Curley’s wife?
4. Explain the following image from the book:

“And the meanness and the plannings and the discontent and the ache for attention were all gone from her face. She was very pretty and simple, and her face was sweet and young.”

1. How does Candy address the body of the girl after he talks to George and learns that their dream of the farm is no longer a reality? Why do you think he reacts this way?
2. How is the beginning of chapter six similar to the beginning of the novel? Why would Steinbeck begin this chapter in the same way that he began the first?
3. Explain the image of the heron awaiting its prey and its connection to Lennie and his circumstances.
4. How can you explain the hallucinations that Lennie has while he waits for George?
5. What is the purpose of the final conversation between Lennie and George?