Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck

Just as you would use a map to guide you to a destination, this sheet will be your map to guide you through this novel. You will:

1. Learn about the life and times of one of America’s most famous writers, John Steinbeck.

2. Learn about the lives of migrant workers during The Great Depression in the 1930’s and the hardships of taking care of individuals with mental retardation.

3. Enrich your general vocabulary and improve your understanding by being exposed to unfamiliar language, idiomatic expressions, and complex writing styles.

4. Write a persuasive essay and learn why persuasive writing plays an important part in your everyday life.

5. Gain a better understanding of the theme of comradeship and the importance of an individual’s dreams.

6. Practice active reading skills by summarizing chapters, finding examples of vocabulary, predicting, and evaluating events in the novel.

7. Demonstrate understanding of the following literary terminology: Setting, Characterization (direct and indirect), Imagery, Theme, Mood, Simile, Tragic Hero and Symbolism and will be able to identify examples of each term.

8. Create a blog so that you can not only improve their writing and reading comprehension, but also show your work to class and family members.

9. As a final project, prepare and take part in a mock trial related to the events in the book.