***Of Mice and Men***

**Characterization: Literary Analysis Benchmark**

**Prompt:** Describe Slim or Whit’s character. Write a literary analysis paragraph that characterizes Slim or Whit. Support your character traits citing evidence from the text.

**Directions:**

1. Mark your text. Identify the areas in your book that show different character traits for Slim or Whit. On each post-it write an adjective that describes Slim or Whit using this evidence.
2. Develop a Bubble Map in which you describe Slim or Whit using precise adjectives. Outside each adjective, cite your evidence from the text. Direct (quoted) or indirect quotes are acceptable, as long as it supports your characteristic of Slim or Whit. Be sure to include page numbers where this evidence is found in the text.
3. Using the information from your Bubble Map, write a literary analysis paragraph describing Slim or Whit’s character.

**Rubric:**

1. **Bubble Map *(15 points)***
   1. minimum of 4 precise adjectives to describe Slim or Whit (1 pt each)
   2. for each adjective, appropriate evidence is cited directly or indirectly from the text (2 pts each)
   3. frame includes the title, author and chapter (3 points)
2. **Literary Analysis Paragraph *(35 points)***
   1. ***Introduction:*** TAG with general introduction of Slim or Whit (4 pts)
   2. ***Evidence:*** 3 pieces of relevant evidence include page numbers (4 pts each)
   3. ***Explanation:*** each piece of evidence is thoughtfully explained in 2 to 3 sentences (5 pts each)
      1. precise adjectives are used to describe Slim or Whit, and
      2. appropriate evidence are used to support the selected character traits
   4. ***Concluding Sentence:*** appropriate concluding sentence is used that clearly summarizes Slim or Whit’s character (4 pts)