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Crooks, the Loneliest Character

Hook – 1-2 sentences American Dream

3-4 sentence summary- The novella *Of Mice and Men* written by John Steinbeck is set during the Great Depression in the Salinas Valley, located in California. Steinbeck’s well-known novel follows two migrant workers, George Milton and Lennie Smalls, who travel around California looking for work on ranches to support themselves. The two men find themselves working at a ranch in Soledad bucking barley, but soon they faced with more obstacles than they had hoped. Many characters in the novel struggle with loneliness for a variety of reasons. Crooks, the disabled stable buck, is lonely due to his skin color, and because of this, he is segregated and treated poorly on the ranch.