Of Mice and Men Unit
Taxonomy Overview Guide

Purpose of the Strategy: The purpose of this strategy is to give you, the teacher, many different options to use each level of Bloom’s taxonomy in conjunction with particular themes of the novel. It is also useful for brainstorming more ideas. In addition, it allows you to organize your plans in a progressive manner.

Context: This is most appropriate for use during the planning stages of a unit. It can also be referred to/modified as the unit progresses.

Directions: The guide can be used in different ways. First, it can be used thematically, and with some themes, a class could move horizontally from the left side to the right. Many of the ideas and processed further as the class moves to the right. Another possibility is to use it as a research guide (see the bottom row). The best possible way to use this is to integrate many of the ideas throughout the entire unit. For example, while reading the book, it would be appropriate to do some activities at the beginning of the book (which are spread throughout the chart) and some at the end (which are again spread throughout the chart). This approach would mean working on each of the themes at the same time rather than separately. Keep in mind that not all of the ideas need to be utilized.