### Searching Out Our Own Answers: K-W-H-L for *Of Mice and Men*

**Topic:** Migrant Workers in Southern California in the 1930’s

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| • during the Depression  
• John Steinbeck wrote about these times  
• work was not consistent  
• people tended to travel alone  
• Maynard Dixon did artwork at this time (at similar places)  
• they had their own set of slang  
• very few owned their own land  
• great division between the rich and the poor classes  
• motion pictures were popular  
• the towns were smaller (not like today) | • how they got food  
• some specific stories about specific people and how they survived  
• what was the mortality rate during this time?  
• what specific words in their slang mean  
• was life in California different than in other states and how?  
• were people religious during this time or were they generally skeptical?  
• what other writers wrote during this time and did they have similar life experiences as John Steinbeck? | • documentary film clips describing this time  
• the movie *Grapes of Wrath*  
• information from the internet focusing on this time period of John Steinbeck’s writing  
• academic journals with articles about other authors works of this time period  
• personal interviews with grandparents  
• biographies of other people during this time (such as Dorothea Lange)  
• an almanac for many of the “dry” facts |