**Who is the loneliest character?**

You have been assigned a character from the play and you will argue that they are the loneliest character in the novel *Of Mice and Men*.

**Step 1:** Write some points (evidence) that show your character is the loneliest.

**Step 2:** Write two counterpoints against the two other characters (ex. if you are Lennie, write reasons why Curley’s wife and Crooks are not lonely).

**Step 3:** Write a speech (1 minute) that argues why your character is the loneliest. Use a Google Document so all group members can access the speech. Your speech should start with Good Morning/Afternoon, your name(s), how pleased you are to be speaking on the topic and your thesis. You should clearly define the issue of loneliness and use this to help prove that your character is the loneliest.

**Step 4:** Nominate someone (or two people) in your group to deliver the speech.

**Step 5:** Two other group members will prepare the rebuttal speeches. This means that when the group is giving their one minute speech, you will take notes and one of you will give an impromptu speech that refutes the points given by the speaker.

**Step 6:** One person will listen carefully and create a conclusion that brings home your strongest points and refutes key points given by the other team.

**Alternative Debate Format (this is not a traditional debate format)**

Usually a debate is set up with an issue, “Be it Resolved that Crooks is the loneliest character in the novel, *Of Mice and Men*.” We do not have an issue like this, instead, we will use the arguments we have crafted in class. We will draw to see which team goes first.

**Debate Set Up**

Moderator

Team B: rebuttal

Team A: First speech

Team B: First speech

Team B: Wrap up

Team A: Wrap Up

Team A: rebuttal