**Observations and Suggestions on Quotes and Commentary**

1. Capitalize the first word of every sentence!
2. Capitalize proper names (George, Lennie, etc.)!
3. Write complete sentences, not phrases.
4. List the page number AFTER the quote; use parentheses

to set off the page from the words of the quote.

“Every part of him was defined: small, strong hands,

slender arms, a thin and bony nose” (3).

1. Do NOT comment on the quotes by any variation of

the following:

This quote shows that/how . . .

This means that . . .

I think this is important because . . .

You know this because . . .

There should be no use of first or second person pronouns.

1. Do not “narrate” the quotes. In other words, do not simply restate what is happening; explain WHY it is happening.

“In one hand he held a bottle of liniment, and with the other he rubbed his spine” (67).

Commentary: Crooks is putting lotion on his back. NO!

This is obviously what is going on; explain what the reader learns about Crooks from this scene—He has a disability that is a constant reminder of his separation from the rest of the workers. His broken back is as obvious as his skin color for causing his solitude.