

Look at the way both Lennie and George are first described. How is this initial description fitting when we find out more about each man?

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Comment [1]: The first thing to do is to break the question up into two parts.

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Comment [2]: The first part asks you to find how the two men are described.

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Comment [3]: The second part asks you to comment on whether this initial description suits the two men when we find out more about them.

The two men are described as walking in single file and 'even in the open one stayed behind the other'. Both were 'dressed in denim trousers and in denim coats with brass buttons'. George is described as being 'small and quick, dark of face, with restless eyes and sharp, strong features'. Lennie is described as being George's 'opposite' – 'a huge man, shapeless of face, with large, pale eyes, with wide sloping shoulders; and he walked heavily, dragging his feet a little, the way a bear drags his paws'.

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Comment [4]: This paragraph answers the first part of the question. It picks out details of the physical description of the two men. Quotes from the book are in inverted commas.

I presume Lennie was following George as he always does. Throughout the story Lennie follows George and always tries to do what George tells him. The fact that they were both dressed alike in denim tells me that they were working men and that they were equal. George wasn't dressed any better than Lennie. George is described as 'small and quick'. This is in contrast to Lennie who is 'big and slow'. George is clever but quick to anger. Lennie is not clever and is slow to lose his temper. The way that George is described reminds me of a rat or a mouse. Lennie is described like a big bear – gentle most of the time but very dangerous when he is roused.

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Comment [5]: The second paragraph answers the second part of the question. You are asked if the first description of the men matches what we find out about George and Lennie as we read on through the book.

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Comment [6]: The second part of the question asks for your opinion so you can use 'I' and 'me'. You can give your opinion here but it must be based on facts.