

Name _____ **Of Mice and Men**



Allusions in
Of Mice and Men

An allusion is an a reference to something. The thing being referenced can be a person, place, or thing either from real life or from a book, television, song, etc. It can also be a quality that thing represents. The thing/quality being referenced isn't mentioned directly because the writer assumes that their reader will "get" the reference.

DIRECTIONS: Explain the following allusions in the novel.

1. The title: Of Mice and Men

2. "The hell with what I says. You remember about us goin' into Murray and Ready's, and they give us work cards and bus tickets?"

3. "Curley's just spoilin' or he wouldn't start for Slim. An' Curley's handy, God damn handy. Got in the finals for the Golden Gloves. He got newspaper clippings about it."
