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School: Valencia High  
Grade: Freshman  
Book Title: Of Mice and Men  
Book Author: John Steinbeck  
Rating (1-lowest to 5-highest): 4

*Of Mice and Men* follows two traveling workers, George and Lennie, who are chasing a simple dream of improving their life. As they arrive at a new ranch, they meet a group of people who each have their own different types of struggles. The story quickly builds up through moments and interactions, that not everything will go as planned. Even though their dream seems possible, there's a feeling that something could go wrong as obstacles are a part of success.

I thought the book was interesting but also pretty serious and straightforward. What stood out the most was the relationship between George and Lennie throughout their journey as it showed friendship. Lennie was my favorite character since he was kind-hearted and innocent even though he didn't always understand the capability of his own strength. I also liked how the book showed how lonely people can feel, even when they are surrounded by others. At the same time, parts of the story felt a little slow and the language sometimes made it harder to stay engaged and connected to the story. But still, some parts of the novella were emotional and made the story more powerful.

I would recommend this book to people who enjoy meaningful and emotional stories rather than fast paced ones. It's one of the short reads, but it leaves a strong impression and gives you a lot to think about. I think people could connect to the friendship part in the story and tough decisions characters have to make. Overall, it may not seem as such of an exciting book, but the messages it leaves behind are worth it.