

TEACHING OF MICE AND MEN
ANIMAL IMAGERY

Lennie is consistently portrayed with animal-like words: "paws," "strong as a bull," and "growled." Using the chart below, look again at the animal imagery in the novel, and comment on the effect of each quotation. An example is given for #1.

Citation	Commentary
1. "dragging his feet a little, the way a bear drags its paws" (2)	1. This gives the feeling of Lennie lumbering along the road with the power of a bear -- unpredictable, strong, and potentially violent, instinctual.