**Of Mice and Men Chapter 1 Figurative language Study Guide**

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**Please identify the following phrases in Chapter 1 as a Simile (S), Metaphor (M), Personification (P), and Hyperbole (H). Foreshadowing (F) or Synecdoche (SYN)**

**1)** **\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_** The path is beaten hard by tramps who come wearily down from the highway in the evening to jungle-up near water. What does jungle-up mean?

2) **\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_**The shade climbed up the hills toward the top.

3) **\_\_\_\_** On the sand banks the rabbits sat as quietly as little gray sculptured stones.

4) **\_\_\_\_** Lennie dabbled his big paw in the water and wiggled his fingers so the water arose in little splashes; rings widened across the pool to the other side and came back again. What is Lennie compared to?

5) **\_\_\_\_** His huge companion dropped his blankets and flung himself down and drank from the surface of the green pool; drank with long gulps, snorting into the water like a horse.

6) **\_\_\_\_** Give it here!” Lennie’s closed hand slowly obeyed:

7) **\_\_\_\_** A water snake slipped along on the pool, its head held up like a little periscope.

8) **\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_**Far off toward the highway a man shouted something, and another man shouted back. The sycamore limbs rustled under a little wind that died immediately.

9) **\_\_\_\_**The sycamore leaves whispered in a little night breeze.

10) **\_\_\_\_** Only the tops of the Gabilan Mountains flamed with the light of the sun that had gone from the valley.

11) **\_\_\_\_** That means (tomorrow) we’ll be buckin’ grain bags, bustin’ a gut. Tonight I’m gonna lay right here and look up. I like it.”

12) **\_\_\_\_** Slowly, like a terrier who doesn’t want to bring a ball to its master, Lennie approached, drew back, approached again. George snapped his fingers sharply, and at the sound Lennie laid the mouse in his hand.

13) **\_\_\_\_** That mouse ain’t fresh, Lennie; and besides, you’ve broke it pettin’ it. You get another mouse that’s fresh and I’ll let you keep it a little while

14) **\_\_\_\_** A dove’s wings whistled over the water.

15) I wouldn’t eat no ketchup if it was right here beside me.”

\*16) \_\_\_\_ “You crazy son-of-a-bitch." You keep me in hot water all the time.”

17) **\_\_\_\_** I wisht I could put you in a cage with about a million mice an’ let you have fun.”

18) **\_\_\_\_** Lennie avoided the bait. He had sensed his advantage. “If you don’t want me,

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