**Guiding Questions** – *Of Mice and Men* Unit

(to be answered by reading the background pamphlets created by your peers, and other background materials in class)

1. How did The Great Depression crush some people’s ability to achieve the American Dream?

1. Who helped America conquer the Great Depression and how?

**Migrant Workers**

1. Describe the life of a Migrant Worker.
2. What was the dust bowl and how did it affect Migrant Workers and tenant farmers?
3. Do you have a place that you can call your own? Why is it important to have such a place?
4. How might Migrant Workers have been mistreated?

**Discrimination**

1. How were women treated during The Great Depression? Please be specific.
2. How do our opinions and treatment of African Americans differ now from opinions in the 1930s?
3. Do you know anyone with special needs? How was a person with special needs treated differently in the 1930s than they are now?
4. How has the tolerance most Americans have towards people with differences changed since the 1930s?

**Loneliness/Friendship**

1. Describe the role that friendship plays in the achievement of The American Dream. Is it important to have a friend by your side or not?
2. How could the life of a Migrant Worker be lonely?
3. What are a few characteristics that you look for in your friends?
4. What could be some difficulties of caring for a person with a disability?