English Novels

***Of Mice and Men* Introduction**

**Pamphlet Creation Activity**

As a way of building background information on the novel *Of Mice and Men,* which we will begin reading in class next week, you will be researching some of the following topics in order to create a pamphlet to present to the class.

You will include three of the following topics in your pamphlet. I will assign each of you one of the topics below. You may each select your other two choices.

* Pulitzer Prize
* The life of John Steinbeck
* Mercy Killings
* Mental Retardation
* Migrant Experience
* The Great Depression

**Process:**

* Your pamphlet should include a title page that is decorated. You may choose how you would like to decorate (i.e. computer graphics or hand-drawn illustrations).
* Each page of your pamphlet should include information about your three topics, with a different topic on each page.
* Information included in the pamphlet should be in complete sentences.
* Each page of your pamphlet should also include a picture or graphic.

**Locating Information:**

The internet has many websites with information related to the topics above; however, for this assignment I would like you to use only the following website:

<http://msdadmin.scican.net/mhs/mhs_area_imc/webquests/Mice%20and%20Men/index.htm>

Once you have found this website, you will notice each of the above topics listed in the left-hand column on the screen. You may click on these topics. You will be redirected to a page with several resources for research as well as **information regarding what you should be researching and including in your pamphlet specifically**.

**Grading**

Each page of your pamphlet will be graded individually. Pages will be worth 10 points each, for an assignment total of 40 points.

I will be grading each page of the pamphlet with the following criteria in mind:

* Content and appeal of each section/page
  + Does it contain a minimum of 2 complete paragraphs?
  + Does it contain a minimum of 1 picture?
* Overall pamphlet
  + Does the finished project show evidence of planning and organization?
  + Is the finished pamphlet organized and professional?