***Of Mice and Men*** Vocabulary List, Chapters 1-3

**Chapter 1**

**morosely**--(adv.): in a sad, gloomy manner

**bindle**--(n.): a small bundle of items rolled up inside a blanket and carried over the shoulder or on the back; a bedroll.

**imperious** (adj.) - Arrogantly domineering or overbearing.

**recumbent** (adj.) lying down; reclining

**juncture**--(n.):A **juncture** is where two things come together. The **juncture** of a willow leaf is where the two sides of the leaf meet in the center.

**Yammer** (v.)—to make a loud, repetitive noise, as in a complaint

**Chapter 2**

**apprehensive--(**adj.): anxious; fearful

**bristled** (adj.): stiff and prickly

**brusquely** (adv.): roughly; abruptly

**mollified** (adj.): soothed; pacified

**plaintive** (adj.): Sounding sad and mournful.

**pugnacious** (adj.): eager and ready to fight

**gingerly**--(adv.): in a careful, cautious way

**swamper** (n.): a handyman; someone who performs odd jobs often involving cleaning

**tart** (n.) a woman of loose morals; one who is prone to be sexually unfaithful

**Chapter 3**

**bemused**: preoccupied; deep in thought

**receptive (adj.)**- able and willing to listen to and accept information, new ideas, etc. Slim is willing to listen to what George is about to tell him.

**derision (n.)-** To **deride** someone is to make fun of that person. The sound of voices of **derision** would be the sound of people making fun of, or laughing at, another.

**scuttle (v.)-**to move about or proceed hurriedly-- When you *scuttle*, you move with quick anxious steps, like a bug running for cover when a light is turned on.

**reprehensible**: To **reprehend** someone is to reprimand or criticize that person. Something that is **reprehensible** is something that is deserving of criticism.

**cowering**: To **cower** is to shrink and tremble from fear.