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| **EVIDENCE** | **EXPLANATION** |
| GEORGE: “God a’mighty, if I was alone I could live so easy. I could go get a job an’ work, an’ no trouble” |  |
| LENNIE: "If you don’ want me I can g off ... in the hills an’ find a cave. I can go away any time." GEORGE "No—look! I was jus’ foolin’, Lennie. ’Cause I want you to stay with me." |  |
| BOSS Well, I never seen one guy take so much trouble for another guy.Well, I never seen one guy take so much trouble for another guy. I just like to know what your interest is." |  |
| “Slim looked through George and beyond him. "Ain’t many guys ... travel around together," he mused. "I don’t know why. Maybe ever’body in the whole damn world is scared of each other." |  |
| **EVIDENCE** | **EXPLANATION** |
| GEORGE: "I seen the guys that go around on the ranches alone. That ain’t no good…. They get mean. They get wantin’ to fight all the time." |  |
| CANDY: “They’ll can me pretty soon… I won’t have no place to go to.” |  |
| ‘Lennie smiled helplessly in an attempt to make friends. Crooks ... said sharply, "You got no right to come in my room. This here’s my room. Nobody got any right in here but me." |  |
| CURLEY’S WIFE: “Think I don’t like to talk to somebody ever’ once in a while? Think I like to stick in that house alla time?” |  |
| CURLEY’S WIFE: “I never get to talk to nobody. I get awful lonely.” |  |

Explain what the quotations above reveal about the characters’ feelings about **loneliness**, **isolation** and / or **friendship**.