***Of Mice and Men* Name:**

**Background Questions: Date:**

**DIRECITONS: Answer all of the following questions in complete sentences.**

1. Who wrote *Of Mice and Men* and what were his two most famous novels?
2. How did John Steinbeck write?
3. What is *Of Mice and Men* about?
4. What was the novel originally intended to be? How do we know this?
5. Why was the novel banned over time?
6. What is a migrant farm worker? Explain the challenges of being one of these workers.
7. What is the American Dream?
8. What was one of the major causes of the Great Depression? Explain what happen.
9. What is “Black Tuesday”?
10. Why did the banks fail?
11. Since the banks failed, what did people do with their money if they had any? Why is this problematic?
12. How high did the unemployment rate rise?
13. What happened in the Great Plains during the late 1920’s, early 1930’s? Why was this difficult for the inhabitants of the Great Plains?