*Of Mice and Men* Vocabulary Activity

Directions: In the space provided below the vocabulary definition, rewrite the word with an image to develop visual comprehension of the word. Then, use the word in a sentence about the novel. Use either a prepositional phrase, participial phrase, or adverb/adverb clause at the beginnings of your sentences.

Ex: (Prepositional Phrase) On the bank of the river, George untied his BINDLE and took out four cans of beans.

(Participial Phrase) Looking for the four cans of beans, George untied his BINDLE.

(Adverb/Adverb Clause) Carefully, George untied his BINDLE to search for the four cans of beans he planned to serve for supper.

1. Bindle – (n) a bundle of clothes or bedding, usually tied together with string and carried by travelers

2. Morosely – (adv) in a sad or gloomy manner

3. Pantomime – (v or n) a story or play told without words, using only one’s body parts and facial expressions / to go through the motions

4. Contemplated – (v) thought about carefully, pondered, brooded over

5. Pugnacious – (adj) having a quarrelsome or combative nature, always looking for a battle

6. Droned – (v) to make or speak with a dull, low, continuous hum

7. Cesspool – (n) a filthy, evil, or corrupt state / also an underground reservoir for waste

8. Ominously – (adv) condition of being expectant of something negative, pending doom

9. Mollified – (v) to reduce in intensity, to soothe

10. Derision – (n) state of being laughed at or ridiculed

11. Derogatory – (adj) taking away from, or detracting from the character or standing of something

12. Receptive – (adj) open and accepting of idea and information, able to take in something

13. Reprehensible – (n) worthy of or deserving of something

14. Reverence – (n) honor or respect felt or shown / adoring awed respect

15. Aloof – (adj) removed or distant either physically or emotionally

16. Apprehension – (n) suspicion, fear, or expectation of something negative

17. Indignation – (n) anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or cruel

18. Crestfallen – (n) having a dejected, or devastated feeling

19. Belligerently – (adv) quality of exhibiting assertiveness, hostility, or combativeness

20. Monotonous – (adj) The quality of uttering sounds that are the same pitch, unwavering