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**Grade 7**  
**Research Spring Break Essay Project**  
**40% of your Grade**

**Of Mice and Men**

In the novel **Of Mice and Men**, John Steinbeck uses the theme of discrimination through out the book to illustrate the injustices inflicted upon people with mental and physical disabilities, women, the elderly and people of different races or ethnicities. In a well developed 5-6 paragraph essay:

- Define and explain mental retardation
- What is the difference between functional retardates and those who must be institutionalized?
- What are some popular misconceptions about mental retardation?
- How can the functional retardate be helped to enjoy a good life?

**\*\*Essay must be typed with a cover-page and a bibliography\*\***