

# Gale Scavenger Hunt

## Literature Resource Center: John Steinbeck

**Directions** Use the Library's database called *Literature Resource Center* to find answers to the following questions about **John Steinbeck**. Write your **answer** and the **source** for the information listed in the spaces provided below.

To answer these questions, from the *Literature Resource Center* home page, enter *John Steinbeck* in the **Basic Search** box.

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**1** *Literature Resource Center* provides literature criticism, biographies, overviews, reviews, literary works, and even multimedia results. In the **Literature Criticism** content type, read the critical essay titled, "Steinbeck's myth of the Okies." What is the title of the book Steinbeck wrote that defined the experience of the Great Depression? Why do you think this critical essay is titled, "Steinbeck's myth of the Okies"?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

**2** Quickly finding specific content is easy using the **Limit Search by** filters. Access the **Multimedia** content type, and under the **Document Type** filter, choose quotation. Read the quote or listen to the audio titled Parting Words: On Journeys. Where is the quote from? What do you think it means?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

**3** In the **Biographies** content type, you will find autobiographies, critical essays, interviews, and more. Open the biography by DoRinda F. Williams. What was the name of the first play Steinbeck published? According to the Biographical Essay section, what year did Steinbeck win the Nobel Prize in Literature? What are some the activities Steinbeck participated in while attending high school?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

**4** **Topic and Work Overviews** give insight to the History, Plot, Characters, and provide general analysis of a story. Access the Topic and Work Overviews content type. Scroll to the bottom of the **Limit Search by** box. Under Analyze, open **Topic Finder**. Click the tile titled "Mice and Men." Choose the result titled "Overview: Of Mice and Men" that discusses "a young John Steinbeck" and "bindlestiffs" to answer these questions. Where does the story take place? What is a bindlestiff? Who are Lennie Small and George Milton?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

**5** In the **Primary Sources & Literary Works** content type, you will discover short stories, poems, travel narratives, essays, plays, fictional work, quotations, and much more. Under the **Document Type** limiter, click Poem, and then access "Suite for Eleanor" to answer this question. What was the author referring to when she wrote, "while John Steinbeck followed the dust storms west"? Whom is this poem about?

**Answer:**

**Source:**