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Thomas Moore said,

A Light in the Dark

from his novel *Utopia*

"For things will never be perfect, until human beings are perfect..." (Moore 64). From

Utopia to Eden, human beings have been ever striving for a paradise in which everything is perfect and woe is but a memory. People begin to reach for this to an even greater extent during times of hardship, the Dustbowl of the mid-1900s is a prime example of where the American Dream became a utopian idea. *Of Mice and Men*, a novella written by John Steinbeck, follows George and Lennie as they desperately attempt to achieve their dream while suffering the aftermath of the Dust Bowl. Both George and Lennie contributed to the downfall of their dream in their own ways. Lennie's contribution was mostly accidental and was unable to be averted due to his nature, George by allowing their dream to become a crutch for both Lennie and himself, and finally, the fact that they actively reached for something that had been labeled a dream and was sought after by hundreds of others doomed it from the beginning. For no matter how much conviction the men possessed to own their own farm, its utopian nature made it impossible to attain.

Lennie's mental disability hinders their, he and George's, ability to do their utmost to get ahold of their American Dream, ^{It is} mainly because Lennie has no concept of morality, nor the ability to ^{Rephrase Awk.} (decipher insinuations). With his lack of morals, Lennie cannot fathom as to why something might harm something else for any reason besides intentional cruelty, to which he can only respond to with violence of his own. At the beginning of the novella, George confronts