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Plan

Context: 1930s, wall st. crash, great depression, migrant workers, travel dust bowl, Racism + sexism, segregation.

Crooks: only black man, isn't important, racism in society, lives apart from everyone, shows loneliness + has less value,

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Conclusion: Overall I think... "these points mean..."

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America suffered from some tragic moments in the late 1920's to early 1930's, such as the wallstreet crash, where a big market collapsed because it was in dept so much from all the trading, this meant that thousands of people became bankrupt and homeless, this lead to the Great Depression. People had to migrate by themselves to California, to try and find their own piece of land to work on which they can get money from. This also meant that Americans would follow a thing called the American Dream, where migrants would set themselves a goal to hopefully acheive in the future, which would possibly give them some hope. It was a very sexist and racist society, so people weren't valued much.

Crooks recieves some very unfair treatment in the novel ~~the~~ because of the colour of his skin. "the negro stable buck, had his bunk in the harness room; a little shed that leaned off the wall of the barn" this shows he is being excluded from the other men because he's ~~the~~ black, also very isolated because he's on his own. This is significant in the book because it shows how racism was very common back then, and black people weren't given a chance. This shows he has less value than everybody else.

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Crooks is a very protective person. "Crooks possessed several pairs of shoes... And he had books, too."

Shows he likes to keep his things safe because he can't share them with anybody else. By him having books means he likes to read in his spare time seen as nobody else visits him, also shows he's very educated and likes to read. However these skills aren't recognised by the other men because they don't really take much notice of him because he's so distant. This shows he hasn't got any true friends because the society was segregated.

But shows he's very proud of what he owns because he doesn't have to share with the others. This links back to the consequences people had to deal with when travelling around to different places.

Crooks can sometimes be a fierce and aggressive character. "You got no right to come in my room."

Shows he doesn't have much interest in making friends because he's already apart from the group, therefore he likes ~~to~~ to be in his own environment with his own company because he knows he isn't valued. This behaviour is significant because it shows the audience what America was like for the workers and how badly their lives were affected.

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He feels isolated because none of the other ~~men~~ workers appreciate him. "They play cards in there, but I can't play because I'm black" shows he knows what the others think of him and therefore he doesn't include himself in the activities the ~~other~~ other men play. Shows society was very selfish and racist. Crooks would ^{of} loved to socialise with everybody else, but he couldn't, because of the colour of him. It's important this message gets across to people reading so they can feel sorry for Crooks because he seems like a genuine man ~~who~~ ^{but} isn't given a chance. ~~the~~ Crooks receives an unfair advantage from everybody because he is, what they call him, a "nigger." This shows the men have no respect for him because he's being labelled.

From these points we learn that Crooks isn't rated as high as everybody else simply because he's black and it was a segregated community. He likes to read because he has nothing better to do because the others won't talk to him. And he isolates himself because he knows exactly what they think of him, and he doesn't want anything to do with them. I think the way he was treated is cruel, but it's important that the treatment he

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gets would make others realise how ~~very~~ racist
and unfair California was at that time.

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