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The significance of friendship is high in the novel as many people in 1930's America didn't have any friends as they were too busy traveling around to find work. Steinbeck shows us this as there is only 2 main friendships both of which don't last through the whole novel. Steinbeck also shows us this as the boss thinks that George is stealing Lennie's pay as not very many people used to travel around together.

Lennie's and George's friendship is like father and son as George is always looking after Lennie right

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to the end. George even helped Lennie escape Weed after they were kicked out there. Lennie is child-like as he only wants what they don't have. "I like 'em with ketchup. well we, aint got any, & George exploded. whatever we aint got, thats what you want." this shows that George is angry with Lennie for always wanting what they haven't got. the word exploded is an angry word and shows that George is angry with Lennie for being so child-like.

George's friendship with Lennie means that George has to look after Lennie and tell him exactly what to do like with the water, the mouse and the fight. George just wants what is best for them both. At the end of the book George only kills Lennie so he doesn't suffer at the hands of Curley.

Candy and his dog were friends for a very long time. Candy had his dog from since it was a very little

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pup and he couldn't bare to let it go. Candy gets very angry and upset when Carlson suggests shooting it, however candy ~~and~~ is forced to let the dog get shot by Carlson. This shows that Steinbeck believed that there may have been friendships in 1930's America during the great depression but many of the friendships didn't last long.

Carlson and Slim are ~~as~~ also friends but it's more a ~~friendship~~ friendship built on respect. "Carlson stepped back to let Slim precede him, and then the two of them went out the door." This shows that Carlson has great respect for Slim and Slim respects him back. This is the only friendship that lasts in the book.

~~As the~~ Steinbeck has chosen to have a serious lack of friendships going on so that we can get a better idea of 1930's America and how much migrants ~~people~~ had to travel about to find a job, and how much ~~th~~ time

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they didn't spend on settling down and making friends. The migrants had to travel so much because of the ~~crash~~ wall street crash and the great depression that caused. The migrants were only migrants because the jobs they were in could no longer afford to pay them or couldn't pay them enough.

Friendship is so significant in the book as only ~~2~~ 1 of the 3 ~~relationships~~ friendships are still about at the end of the book. The fact there was only 3 friendships is important because friendships weren't common in the 1930's American's and this is shown by the lack of friendships in the Novel.

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