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Ms. Marciano Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

WRITING ASSIGNMENT #2 - Of Mice and Men

**PROMPT**
Everyone has hopes and dreams for the future. We hope our lives will turn out in a certain way; we hope certain events will take place; we hope we will be able to live a certain lifestyle, and so on. George and Lennie dream of having a piece of land, a farm, of their own.

Sometimes we're lucky and things just seem to work out without our doing anything to make them happen. More often, though, we can take certain steps to make our hopes and dreams more likely to come true. That doesn't mean that they will, but the chances of their coming true can be greatly increased.

Your assignment is to choose one of your hopes or dreams for the future, describe it, and make a detailed plan as to what you believe you can do to help make your hope or dream come true.

**PREWRITING**
A good way to start is to think about your future. What would you like to have happen in the future more than anything else? Jot down what that is on a piece of paper. Make notes about the details of your dream.

Now, stop and think about what you can do to improve your chances of having that dream come true. Make a list of things you can do. Are there some things you should do first, followed by other things? Arrange your list in a logical or chronological order.

**DRAFTING**
You should begin your paper with an introductory paragraph giving your reader some background describing your hope or dream. Use your notes about the details of your dream to help you get started.

The body of your composition should contain information about the things you can do to help yourself achieve your dream. Take each point that you jotted down and make each one into a topic sentence for a paragraph in the body of your composition. Fill out each paragraph by explaining how this point will help you achieve your goal or by explaining how you can do this thing that will help you achieve your goal.

Write a paragraph in which you conclude how likely it will be that you will actually be able to achieve your goal based on the facts you have presented.

**PROOFREADING**
When you finish the rough draft of your paper, ask a student who sits near you to read it.

After reading your rough draft, he/she should tell you what he/she liked best about your work, which parts were difficult to understand, and ways in which your work could be improved. Reread your paper considering your critic's comments, and make the corrections you think are necessary. Do a final proofreading of your paper double-checking your grammar, spelling, organization, and the clarity of your ideas.