

ABSTRACT

Of Mice and Men deals with the problems of American farmers in California who were hit with the Great Depression. Socially and culturally the Depression affected minorities such as Women, African Americans and migrant workers and farmers. These people had to face discriminations, alienation, prejudices, loneliness and hopelessness. The Wall Street crash which was the main cause of the Depression made many people poor and depressed. Through the novel of *Of Mice and Men* the writer wanted to show that poverty made these people value materialism highly and the competition for survival made these people to become individualistic.

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