

***The Grapes of Wrath* Study Guide**
Chapters 1-3

Chapter 1

1. The Oklahoma setting includes two overwhelming elements – the sun and the dust. Quote at least one reference to each of these elements.
2. Explain this quote (p. 6): “The faces of the watching men ... became hard and angry and resistant ... Then the women knew that they were safe.”

Chapter 2

1. Why does the truck driver feel “trapped” by the hitchhiker’s request for a ride?
2. Why does Steinbeck tell us the hitchhiker’s name, but not the truck driver’s?
3. Name two things that the truck driver notices about Tom Joad.
4. How long has Tom Joad been in McAlester? For what crime? Why has he been released?

Chapter 3

1. In a short paragraph of 5-6 sentences explain the analogy of the turtle and his slow trek across the country.
2. The turtle is symbolic of a struggle for survival. Indicate from the final paragraph of the chapter, two of his actions that are positive and similar to humans.