

## ***The Grapes of Wrath* Study Guide**

### Chapters 4-6

#### **Chapter 4**

1. Describe the appearance of the man Tom Joad meets who is singing, "Yess, sir, that's my Savior." Note the details that Steinbeck uses.
2. What reason does Jim Casy give for not preaching any longer?
3. Why does Jim Casy seem insecure? What is he insecure about? What does he feel guilty about?
4. What does Casy mean when he says, "There ain't no sin and there ain't no virtue"?
5. How does Casey define the Holy Spirit?
6. Why was Tom Joad in McAlester for four years?
7. Why are Tom and Jim shocked at the appearance of the old family home? Quote one of Casy's statements that expresses his Transcendental beliefs.

#### **Chapter 5**

1. Describe how the bank is personified as a monster."
2. How are the tractors also described as monsters?
3. How is the tractor driver part of the monster"?
4. The voices in this chapter are not "real characters" in the novel. How would you describe their role in the novel?

#### **Chapter 6**

1. What is so unusual about the fact that all the good planks of wood were left intact on the Joad family home? What does this suggest?
2. What was Grampa's favorite item? What did he hope to do with all his saved up chicken feathers?
3. What information about the Joad family does Muley give to Tom?
4. Why does Muley refuse to go west with his family?
5. What does the reader learn about Tom Joad's act of murder?
6. What did Tom learn from the McAlester inmate who read law books?
7. Why does Jim Casy get the "Sperit"? What does he feel called to do? Why?
8. Muley says that he used to be mean "like a wolf", but now he is mean "like a weasel." What is the difference between these two similes?