

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

### Chapters 28-30

#### Chapter 28

1. State three facts about the living conditions in the Joad's boxcar.
2. What special treat does Ma consent to buy for Ruthie and Winfield?
3. What led to Ruthie telling about her older brother Tom?
4. Where does Ma find Tom to give him his dinner and to advise him?
5. What does Ma insist that Tom accept?
6. Tom quotes Casy, who had cited Scripture: "For if they fall, the one will lif' up his fellow, but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another to help him up." State the significance of the statement in relation to the theme of the novel.
7. Tom refers to the possibility of his own death. Quote what he says about the soul. What does this quote echo?
8. Both Pa and Uncle John refer to life being over, to people giving up. Quote Ma's reply to these concerns.
9. Although the Joads have a job picking cotton, how is that situation depressing?

#### Chapter 29 (Interchapter)

1. Why are anger and hatred directed at the migrants?
2. As they had done in the opening of the novel, the women watch the men for signs of breaking. Quote how anger has a direct connection as to whether or not a person "broke."

#### Chapter 30

1. Why do the Joad's remain in the boxcar instead of driving out, ahead of the floodwater?
2. State one possible cause of Rose of Sharon's stillborn baby.
3. The theme of nourishment – its necessity and the results from the lack of it – is developed in this chapter. State at least one other theme also continued in this chapter.