

Highlighted Visual of a Conclusion Paragraph

Key (B-A-M)

- **B**ack to the thesis statement: green
- **A**nalyze its significance within the novel: yellow
- **M**ake it universal by analyzing its significance outside of the novel: blue

All in all, Steinbeck suggests that dreams give people false hope that makes characters in the novel act unrealistically, obsessively, and desperately. George is unrealistic about the reality of the dream, giving himself and other characters like Lennie and Candy false hope about actually achieving the dream. Lennie becomes so obsessed with the farm and tending rabbits there that he acts dangerously. In addition, Candy so desperately wants hope of security and companionship that he is willing to give up all his savings to be a part-owner in the farm. While the dream gives George, Lennie, and Candy something to look forward to, it ultimately leads to tragedy and intense disappointment. Overall, Steinbeck conveys through these characters that although dreams can provide hope, they can also blind people to reality and leave them with a depth of disappointment when they do not come to fruition. This message explains to readers that they may need to be cautious with their dreams. Dreams may give them something to look forward to. However, if people are going to dream big, they also need to be able to handle the disappointment of the dream not coming true.