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**Persuasive Letter Outline**

**I. Introduction (1 paragraph):** *3-4 sentences*

1. Hook (Question, Anecdote, Quote, Statistic, Surprising Idea or Fact, Comparison)

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1. Background/Topic (Background on the topic – What happened between George and Lenny?)

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1. Thesis (Your idea or argument in one sentence)

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**II. Body Paragraph 1: Concession and Refutation** *5-6 sentences*

1. Topic Sentence Although many might think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I disagree.
2. Opposing viewpoint – What is ONE argument that someone could make against you:

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1. Disprove it using an example AND quote from the novel. This is not true because…

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 i. Quote \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Body Paragraph 2: Confirmation (Most important part!)** *5-6 sentences*

1. Topic Sentence: George’s actions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for many reasons.
2. Reason 1(use a rhetorical strategy!): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**IV. Conclusion (1 paragraph):** *3-4 sentences*

1. Restate your thesis.

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1. Show your purpose for writing and why this matters. Voice a final plea for action or change. What should your audience do or believe?

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Ms. Murphy

Argumentative Speech

English I

11/08/2013

The Morality of Murder

 Lord Byron once said, “They never fail who die in a great cause.” I guess you could say that’s the same for both me and Lenny. All Lenny wanted to do was pet soft things. In the end, that cost him his life. All I ever wanted was to protect Lenny. That’s why I kilt him. I ask the town of Salinas to see that my decision was moral because my intentions were good and my goal was to do what was best for Lenny.

 Although many might think letting Lenny live would be the moral thing to do, I disagree. I guess it’s possible that Curly could’ve went easy on ‘im, or he might’ve just ended up in prison. But, I took the advice of my friend Slim when he said, “Curley’s gonna want to shoot ‘im. Curley’s still mad about his hand. An’ s’pose they lock him up an’ strap him down and put him in a cage. That ain’t no good, George,” (97). In the end, dying quickly and painlessly is better than being tortured.

 Because my actions were driven by love and empathy, they were moral. Lenny was my best friend in the whole world; therefore, the last thing I ever wanted was to see him hurt. That’s why I took care of ‘im all those years. Ever since losing him, I’ve lost my will to go on. I don’t care no more about my piece of land or bein’ my own boss. I spend all my lonely nights in the bars and whorehouses throwing my money away, and for what? (PATHOS). I definitely didn’t kill Lenny to help myself out in any way. Sure, murderin’ ain’t right. But, murderin’ was gonna happen one way or another; it was gonna be either me who done it or Curly. I figured it might as well be someone he loves. (LOGOS). Just like Candy said with his dog, I ought to be the one that done it. Morals aren’t all black and white. I kilt Lenny in that gray area of love, protection and sacrifice.

 Because I had good intentions, you all should see my decision as moral. You should pity the choice I had to make and understand there wasn’t no other way to do it. Please take this into consideration as you discuss what should be done about me. I shouldn’t be hauled off to no jail. I should be let to live the rest of my painful existence without Lenny. That’s punishment enough.