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In the novel *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck the theme of friendship is developed. This friendship is shown when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, when George shoots Lennie in the back of the head it is done out of love.

The first example of true friendship shown in the novel is when George is always willing to tell Lennie the story of owning the land and tending the rabbits, over and over again. George reluctantly agrees time after time saying: “You get a kick outta that, don’t you? Awright, I’ll tell you, and then we’ll eat our supper” (Steinbeck 13). George’s willingness to tell Lennie the story and be patient with him shows that he cares about Lennie very much and when George shot his friend it was done out of love.

The next example of the men’s great friendship is shown through George’s defence of Lennie and his actions. For instance, when Curley picks a fight with Lennie, George and Slim defend Lennie saying to Curley: “I think you got your han’ caught in a machine. If you don’t tell nobody what happened, we ain’t going to” (Steinbeck 64). Therefore George’s constant defence of Lennie shows that the shooting was done out of love.

The final point that demonstrates friendship between the two men is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_gk

1. Done out of love.
2. A betrayal of trust and loyalty.

Brainstorming:

* George helps Lennie escape Weed when he is accused of raping a lady.
* George always tells Lennie the story about the land and the rabbits whenever he asks.
* George always defends Lennie, for example when Lennie crushes Curley’s hand George and Slim protect Lennie.
* George arranges for Lennie to get one of Silm’s dog’s pups so Lennie can have something nice and soft as a pet.
* After Lennie’s Aunt Clara died, George promised to take care of Lennie and he has kept his word.