

It was at the time of the Great Depression where people constantly moved around work.

"You know how the hands are. They just come in and get their bunk, and work a month, and then they quit and go out alone."

Who says it?

This quote shows that people moved around jobs by themselves, which would make life feel very lonely for workers back then.

Nobody would become friendly with each other because they wouldn't be staying at the same work place for very long before they'd be on their own again.

"With us, it ain't like that. We got somebody to talk to..."

George and Lennie are exceptions to the fact that workers travel alone as they travel together.

Very good

This quote compares George and Lennie's life to a typical ranch worker's life. On the other hand, the fact that George plays solitaire (a single player game) foreshadows that he will be on his own by the end of the novel. The setting of the book therefore conveys the theme of loneliness and considers how people got on with their lives back in the 1930s.

It possibly even suggests that loneliness is "inescapable".