Introduction:

Not having friends can be as detrimental to your health as cancer or obesity. While it may not be easy to pinpoint, there is something about having company, someone to confide in or celebrate with, that can do a soul good. An interesting and unique relationship exists between Lennie and George, the two main characters in John Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men*. Though seemingly having nothing in common, George, who is sharply intelligent, and Lennie, who is mentally underdeveloped, have a tight bond between them. Though it may seem George is being slowed down by Lennie, George is much better off keeping Lennie around.

Conclusion:

Despite all the difficulties Lennie presents, George is better off keeping him around. The extra money Lennie brings in is convenient, and would certainly help George in his quest to buy the ranch, but the companionship Lennie provides is something George would never be able to find as he works his way through ranches in California’s Central Valley. George and Lennie have a bond of friendship, and friendship alone is a commodity worth its weight in gold.