Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck • Sketching a Portrait--Character Traits

Directions: Steinbeck gives enough clues about George and Lennie that readers begin to associate certain character traits with the two men. Decide which trait in each pair best describes the character in question and circle your choice. Then find two examples from Chapter 1 to support your choice. Give the page numbers where you found your examples.

George
1. practical / impractical
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

2. inattentive / perceptive
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

3. quick-tempered / easygoing
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

4. kind / cruel
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

Lennie
1. mature / childlike
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

2. emotional / unemotional
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

3. shrewd / simple
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

4. eager / reluctant
   First Example: _____________________________________________
   Second Example: ____________________________________________

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