

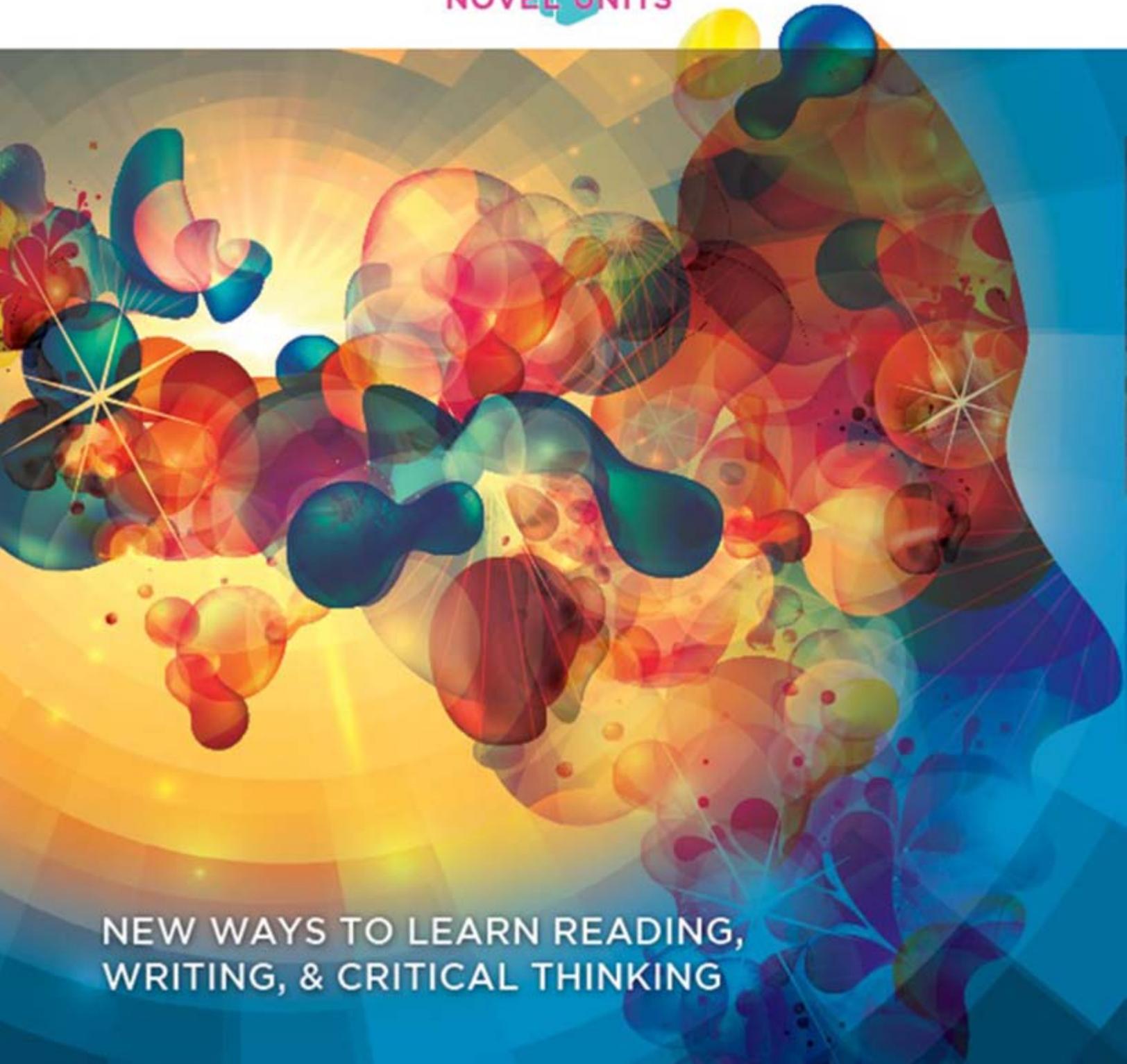
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The Grapes of Wrath

John Steinbeck

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THE GRAPES OF WRATH

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Student Packet

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Contains masters for:

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- 1 Author's Purpose Activity
- 1 Comprehension Activity
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- 5 Comprehension Quizzes
- 1 Final Exam

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Name _____

The Grapes of Wrath
Vocabulary Quiz
Chapters 7-12

Write the word next to the correct definition.

- _____ 1. with some fear
- _____ 2. important
- _____ 3. jaunty
- _____ 4. insufficient
- _____ 5. foolish
- _____ 6. gave up
- _____ 7. nimble
- _____ 8. foretelling the future
- _____ 9. doubting
- _____ 10. request for forgiveness
- _____ 11. habitual
- _____ 12. worshipful admiration
- _____ 13. guesswork
- _____ 14. complications and details
- _____ 15. wise
- _____ 16. a fortress or stronghold
- _____ 17. calm
- _____ 18. person who settles a dispute

rakish
prophecy
relinquished
conjecture
veneration
incredulous
fatuous
animosity
improbable
insubstantial
eminent
suspicion
inherent
intrigues
betrayal
lifer
arbitrator
apprehensive

Student Worksheets

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Name _____

The Grapes of Wrath

Comprehension Quiz
Chapters 13-18

Write the name of the character described.

1. died of a stroke the first night on the road _____
2. sold a man nickel candy for a penny _____
3. emptied the slot machine just before it was ready to pay off _____
4. described herself as "pain covered with skin" _____
5. felt he might be blamed for the trouble with the Wilson's car _____
6. refused to take money and food from the roads _____
7. died in the truck on the way across the desert _____
8. almost hit a policeman with a flying can _____
9. wandered away down the river to live _____
10. plans to take a correspondence course on radio _____
11. is concerned something will hurt her baby _____
12. tells a one-eyed man to stop feeling sorry for himself _____
13. becomes official head of the Joad family the first night out _____
14. says he has no God _____
15. worries constantly about his sin and guilt _____

Write a brief summary of the main events of the novel so far.

Name _____

The Grapes of Wrath
Activity #5: Author's Purpose
Chapters 19-24

Steinbeck's purpose in writing *The Grapes of Wrath* was to show his readers that the dispossessed sharecroppers of the Dust Bowl received extremely unfair treatment from the middle-class and the rich. He made many statements about society, and used his characters' experiences to make his point. Skim Chapters 19-24 and briefly write at least one example from the book for each social statement.

1. The big land owners as well as most of the small farmers and even the people in town hated and feared the "Okies."
2. People who want change are usually considered to be troublemakers.
3. The forced migration of the Okies caused families to lose family members for different reasons.
4. No matter how bad things are, there are always a few kind-hearted people who try to help.
5. Land ownership is more than just a legal matter.