

The Grapes of Wrath

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People in the story

- 1 Tom
- 2 Casy
- 3 Ruthie
- 4 Casy
- 5 Grampa
- 6 Ma
- 7 Connie
- 8 Pa
- 9 Rosasharn
- 10 Grampa
- 11 Ma
- 12 Tom
- 13 Al
- 14 Granma
- 15 Al
- 16 Ma

Background information

- 1 America
- 2 Depression
- 3 California
- 4 cotton
- 5 Mexicans
- 6 California
- 7 in debt
- 8 scared
- 9 the Californian farmers destroyed their harvest
- 10 Civil War

Vocabulary: people

- 1 stranger
- 2 troublemaker
- 3 migrant
- 4 tenant
- 5 thief
- 6 chairman/chairwoman

- 7 guest
- 8 hitch-hiker
- 9 preacher
- 10 liar

Vocabulary: synonyms in context

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 b
- 4 b
- 5 d
- 6 a
- 7 b
- 8 b
- 9 c
- 10 c

Vocabulary: verbs and nouns

a

- 1 mind your own business
- 2 fry bacon
- 3 light a lantern
- 4 make a living
- 5 clap your hands
- 6 pour coffee
- 7 take the blame
- 8 do the dishes

b

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Sentence transformations: *so... that...*

- 1 Rosasharn was so weak that she could not stand up.
- 2 The truck was so heavy that it could not go up hills.
- 3 The Joads were so poor that they had to eat corn mush.
- 4 There were so many migrants travelling west that they could not all find work.
- 5 Ma was so strong and positive that she managed to keep the family together.
- 6 There were so few jobs in California that the Californian farmers could pay low wages and still find workers.
- 7 Wages were so low that the workers could not live on them/these wages.
- 8 The water was rising so high in the boxcar that Ma and Rosasharn had to leave.

Phrasal verbs

- 1 Ma said that Tom would never give up.
- 2 Ma did not want the family to break up.
- 3 At the government camp, the Joads had to fill in forms when they arrived.
- 4 The men went on digging until they had built up the bank by the river.
- 5 Women, like Ma, were taking over the family.
- 6 The Californians did not want the Okies to settle down on their land.
- 7 Tom put his foot out and tripped the deputy sheriff up/tripped up the deputy sheriff.
- 8 Tom and Casy caught the others up after staying behind to fix the truck.