

**Cannery Row** by John Steinbeck  
Part 1 (pages 1-67) for Oct. 5 discussion

Cannery Row:

1. What kinds of people live on Cannery Row? Name some of them.
  
2. What kinds of people work in the canneries?

Chapter 1:

3. What were some nice features of Lee Chong's grocery store?
  
4. What deal did Horace Abbeville make with Lee Chong? What did it result in?
  
5. Describe the group led by Mack?
  
6. What deal did Mack make with Lee Chong? Why did Lee Chong agree to it?
  
7. How did Mack's group fix up their new home?

Chapter 2:

8. What is the "trap/poison/noose" that Mack and his boys avoided?

Chapter 3:

9. Describe Dora. Tell about her Bear Flag Restaurant.
  
10. What was William's "tragedy"? How was Alfred, the replacement, different from William?

Chapter 4:

11. What happened when Andy taunted the Chinaman?

Chapter 5:

12. Who owned Western Biological? What kind of business did it do?
  
13. What was Doc's method for getting revenge on a bank? What gave him that idea?
  
14. At the end of chapter 5, it says "Everyone who knew [Doc] was indebted to him." Explain that.

Chapter 6:

15. What were Doc and Hazel catching at the tide pools? Why?
  
16. What was it about Hazel that annoyed Doc? What did Doc ask Hazel to do?

Chapter 7:

17. What was the first piece of furniture in the Palace Flophouse? What came next?
  
18. How did Mack and the boys get a stove?
  
19. Who was Eddie? How did he get the “punch” that he brought to the Palace Flophouse?
  
20. Why did the Palace Flophouse men decide to give Doc a party? How did they plan to pay for it?

Chapter 8:

21. Where did Mr. & Mrs. Malloy live?

Chapter 9:

22. How did Mack arrange to get to Carmel Valley to catch frogs for Doc?

Chapter 10:

23. How did Frankie become Doc’s assistant?
  
24. What upset Frankie at Doc’s party?

Chapter 11:

25. On page 61, what is the meaning of, “If you could can sardines with ledgers, the owners would have been very happy.”?
  
26. Why did Gay choose to drive on the back streets?
  
27. What problems did they have driving up Carmel Hill?
  
28. Why didn’t Gay get to go on the frog hunt?