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English 9E: *Of Mice and Men* animal symbolism

Select three animals from the list and write three two-chunk paragraphs that not only explain each symbol but also connect that symbol to John Steinbeck's novella *Of Mice and Men*. Be sure to follow proper paragraph "chunk" format (topic sentence, 2 concrete details with two sentences of commentary for each detail, closing sentence) and vary your sentence structure (simple, compound, complex). An example of a sentence that includes both the symbolic meaning and how it relates to the novella is below (you may not use the snake as one of your choices).

The snake, symbolizing transformation, could foreshadow major changes in George and Lennie's relationship.

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| I. Strong topic sentences | 15 points | _____ |
| II. Meaning of animal symbols | 10 points | _____ |
| III. Relate symbolic meaning to <i>Of Mice and Men</i> | 25 points | _____ |

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