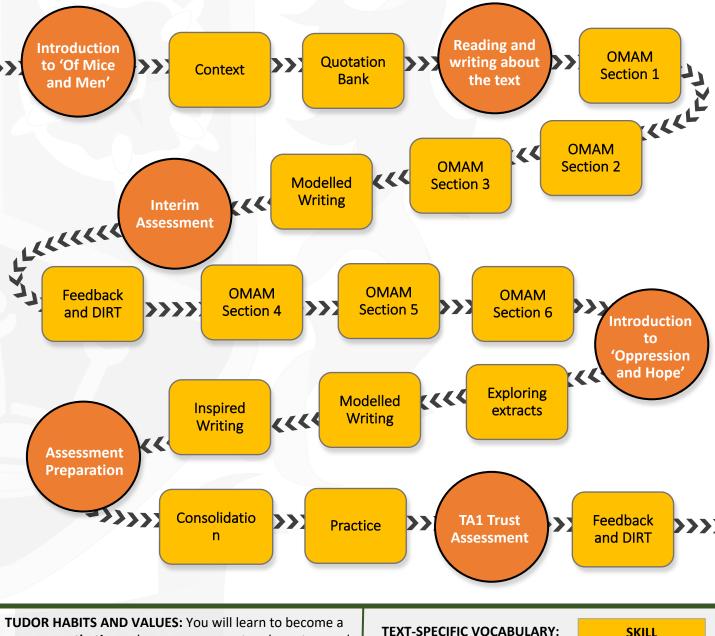
## LEARNING JOURNEY ENGLISH

## Of Mice and Men/Oppression and Hope

## Year 9 Autumn Term

John Steinbeck's 20<sup>th</sup> Century novel about the trials and tribulations of the Great Depression has become one of the most controversial novels of our time. As we read the text, you'll consider the powerful effects of language and explore issues such as racism, misogyny and loneliness. An accompanying extract booklet entitled 'Oppression and Hope' will help you to become a more critical reader, as you evaluate Steinbeck's portrayals alongside lived experiences of real people. You'll begin to construct longer essays with introductions, and develop your descriptive writing as well.



more **empathetic** reader as you encounter characters and writers with a diverse range of experiences and challenges.

motif, contrast, symbolism, cyclical structure, prejudice SKILL VOCABULARY: criticality

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