

Standards Focus: Idioms and Expressions**Chapter One**

1. 'coons: slang for raccoons, medium-sized mammals native to North America
2. jungle-up: at this time, a "jungle" was an area off the road where homeless people would camp; to "jungle-up" means to set up camp
3. "watchin' that blackboard": during this time, employment agencies would post any jobs available on a blackboard in front of their offices
4. "leave me have it": let me have it
5. "bucking": the process of harvesting
6. "bustin' a gut": working really hard
7. "puttin' nothing over": tricking
8. "sock you": punch you
9. "ain't fresh": is not sanitary or healthy
10. "in hot water": in trouble
11. "get a kick outta that": really like that
12. "poundin' their tail": working really hard
13. "blowin' our jack": wasting our money
14. "live off the fatta the lan": live off the profits provided by selling crops
15. cream is so thick "you can hardly cut it": milk that is left sitting will separate, making a thick cream at the top

Chapter Two

1. "sore as hell": really angry
2. "pants rabbits": slang for crabs, a species of invertebrates that infest the pelvic region
3. "I ain't got the poop no more": "I don't have the energy anymore"
4. "gave us a bum steer": led in the wrong direction
5. "strong as a bull": extremely strong
6. "What you sellin'?": "What antics are you trying to pull?"
7. "flapper": mouth
8. "old man": father
9. "got on his shoulder": similar "chip on his shoulder", which means

- something bothering him; angry about something
10. "picking scraps": starting fights
 11. "game guy": competitive person
 12. "licks him": fights him and wins
 13. "purty": pretty
 14. "She got the eye": "She's a flirt."
 15. "give...the eye": flirt
 16. "pants is full of ants": jumpy and nervous
 17. "tart": a prostitute or promiscuous woman
 18. "get the can": get fired
 19. "let 'im have it": fight back
 20. "clear out": leave; move out
 21. jail bait: a derogatory term for a young girl who is perceived as trying to sleep with an older man
 22. "leave her be": leave her alone
 23. rattrap: a trap for rats; in this case, Curley's wife is a trap for men
 24. "eatin' raw eggs": some people believed that eating raw eggs could increase a man's strength and sexual stamina
 25. "bits": slang for "cents"
 26. "shove out of here": leave
 27. "hit a pocket": get lucky
 28. "slang": gave birth to
 29. "in heat": in a sexually receptive state
 30. "tangle with": fight with

Chapter Three

1. cuckoo: a derogatory name for someone, like calling someone "crazy"; also a family of medium-sized, slender birds
2. "fifty and found": fifty dollars plus additional amenities, such as a sleeping room and meals
3. "clean forgot": outright forgot
4. "rabbits an' tells the law": runs away quickly and tells the police
5. "scrammed outta there": ran away as quickly as possible
6. "gut ache": stomach ache