



Ode to a Mouse

Robert Burns

But Mousie, thou are no thy-lane,
In proving foresight may be vain:
The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!

thy-lane: alone

Gang aft agley: Go often wrong

ACTION

1. Re-write this stanza from Robert Burns' poem in your own words
2. Choose a line from the original poem that you feel best sums up one of the main themes of Of Mice and Men
3. Using the quote you selected, write a paragraph where you **interweave** the quotation into your writing

GUIDANCE

POINT: The title to Of Mice and Men is a line from the Robert Burns poem "Ode to a Mouse", which is not where the similarities end...

EXAMPLE:

EXPLANATION:

"Quote Weaving"

A technique whereby an author embeds a quotation into their analysis as if it were part of the sentences they are writing.