

John Steinbeck

- born in 1902 in Salinas, California, which is also the region where his story 'Of mice and men' is taking place
- in 1919 he enrolled at Stanford University, which he left 6 years later without a degree
- from 1925-1930 he worked as a reporter and completed his first novel called 'Cup of Gold'
- he gained success in 1935 for 'Tortilla Flat' and only worked as a writer from then on
- he was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 1962
- 'Of mice and men' was written in 1937 and is his most famous novel
- Steinbeck was heavily influenced by his friend Ernest Hemingway
- he died in New York in 1968 as a rich and famous man