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A&E Biography of John Steinbeck

Directions: As you watch this biography of Steinbeck, answer the following questions.

1. Where was John Steinbeck born? What year?
2. What was John's mother like?
3. What was John's father like?
4. What was John like as a child?
5. When did John decide to be a writer?
6. Name one odd thing that John did in college in order to become a better writer.

7. How did John meet his wife Carol?

8. Who was Ed Ricketts, and why was he so important to John?

9. How did John react when his mother had a stroke?

10. How did John react to becoming famous?

11. What is *Of Mice and Men* about?

12. What was the public's reaction to *Grapes of Wrath*?

13. How did John and Carol react to having money?

14. What happened when both Carol, John's wife, and Gwen, John's mistress claimed to be pregnant at the same time?

15. How did John react to being a father?

16. Why did John leave California forever?

17. How did John's best friend die?

18. Who is Charlie and where did they go on vacation together?

19. What famous writing award(s) did John Steinbeck receive in his lifetime?

20. When did John die?