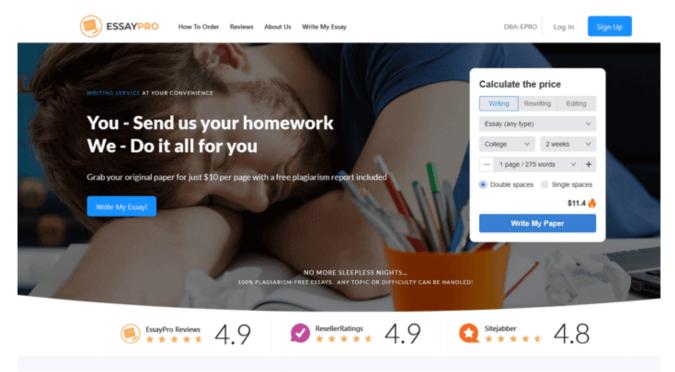
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A study of the characters in John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath, reveals man's indomitability and endurance. Steinbeck potently suggests that there is a distinct time in life where the choice must be made to either sacrifice one's spirit, or to stay true to one's self. In spite of their lack of food and without having a direct promise of a stable job, the Joad family perceptibly allow their spirit to lead them to obtain their individual goals. Evidently, the theme of spiritual survival ultimately determines whether one will succeed or fail.

The Joad family maintain faith within themselves during the times when most become discouraged and defeated. Nowhere other than in The Book of Job, in The Old Testament, is spiritual survival better articulated. Both the Joad family and Job endure pain and suffering in its worst form. However, both conquer their hardships with <u>undying</u> strength and hope: "Then said his wife unto him, 'Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die'. But he said unto her, 'Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What! Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?". In The Book of Job, as well as in The Grapes of Wrath, spirit and dignity guide the characters

toward survival. Any individual may succeed in times of joy; however, to triumph over the most oppressing of life's moments is the true measure of one's spirit and faith.

Although each survive in their own distinguishable manner, both Grandpa and Grandma Joad withstand against the tests of one's faith. Grandpa Joad illustrates significant strength and optimism in his decision to stay on his land. After an oppressive <u>drought</u> storm demolishes their farming <u>lands</u>, many Oklahoman families are driven off their homes and toward the promised land of California; however, Grandpa Joad will not be subdued by the difficulties that aim to defeat him. The resemblance between a man and his farming land is made quite evident throughout the novel as it signifies one's pride and dignity.

In a sense, the remnant of the characters sacrifice their pride and home, in exchange for survival. Grandpa Joad is a patent exception, as he unremittingly decides to stay behind in Oklahoma.

Grandpa Joad's land symbolizes his pride. He will not relinquish his dignity regardless as to what is conniving against him: "If a man owns a little property, that property is him it's a part of him, and it's like him" (Steinbeck 50).

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