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Andrew Martin

John E. Steinbeck Jr.

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***1:* He earned a Nobel Prize for Literature**

***2:* He Worked for the New York Herald Tribune during WWII**

***The Grapes of Wrath, East of Eden,* and *The Pearl***

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**John’s first marriage lasted 12 years. Shortly after the divorce, he married his second wife Gwyndolyn, with whom he had two children. After they divorced in 1948, he married his final wife, Elaine.**

**He grew up in a happy family of 5. He quite liked Salinas Valley, and decided to start writing at the age of 14.**

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**His surroundings of the Salinas Valley in California most influenced the Author’s writing through his detailed descriptions.**

**Because people could relate to the struggles in his books written during the great depression, there was an outstanding positive support of his writing. However, there was controversy over the Grapes of Wrath’s sympathy towards Migrant workers.**

**Cup of Gold (1929)**

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**He was naturally shy, so he locked himself in his bedroom and wrote.**

**He attended Stanford University for 6 years but dropped out without getting a Degree.**

**Salinas, California**

**B: February 27, 1902 in Salinas, California ; D: December 20, 1968 in New York City**