




AWESOME STORIES

VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER

THE HELP



commodities / desperation / dichotomy / disparaging / galvanized
heckled / indictment / initiative / prowess / unintimidated

Commodities* - products to use or trade

- Commodity – noun
A farm commodity, like corn or cotton, is used to make other products, like cereal or cloth.
- Commodities – plural, noun
Commodities such as blankets, diapers and food are often sent to help people in need.
- Commodity – noun
A commodity which is exactly like a similar product – corn, for example – is sometimes called a “fungible good.”



*Commodities – see Chapter 8 (“Freedom Summer”)

Desperation* - Hopelessness; in utter despair

- Desperate – adjective
Desperate for shelter, the woman and her family were forced to live in a home made from scrap materials.
 - Desperation – noun
Desperation descended on the family during the financial crisis.
 - Desperately – adverb
Desperately needing help, the family had nowhere to go.
- * Desperation – see Chapter 7 (Medgar Evers in Jackson)



Dichotomy* - Something with seemingly contradictory qualities

- Dichotomy – noun
A dichotomy existed in the Jim-Crow South. If African-Americans posed a risk to white families, why were black maids allowed to care for white children?
- Dichotomies – plural, noun
Life in Jackson, during the Jim-Crow era, was characterized by sharp dichotomies in the way whites viewed blacks.
- Dichotomy – noun
Gil Bruvel's sculpture – of a woman with black and white sides – is a dichotomy.



*Dichotomy - see Chapter 6 (Black Maids and White Children)

Disparaging* - disrespectful

- Disparaging – adjective
Her disparaging comments were sickening.
- Disparaged – verb
She disparaged her maid at every turn.
- Disparagement – noun
Disparagement was on her mind as Hilly belittled her maid.
- Disparagingly – adverb
Hilly spoke disparagingly about her maid.



* Disparaging – See Chapter 2 (Life in Jackson, Mississippi)

Galvanized* - stimulate into action

- Galvanized – verb
He galvanized his troops into action.
- Galvanizer – noun
Getting others excited, she was a galvanizer.
- Galvanizing – adjective
The earthquake in Haiti had a galvanizing impact on people around the world who did what they could to help the victims.



*Galvanized – see Chapter 7 (Medgar Evers in Jackson)

Heckled* - to harass

Heckled – verb

The crowd heckled the soldiers, doing their best to make them feel unwelcome.

Hecklers – noun (plural)

The people in the crowd were hecklers, doing their best to voice their strong disapproval.

Heckling – adjective

One of the worst things for a speaker to encounter, during a speech, is a heckling crowd.

*Heckled – See Chapter 8 (“Freedom Summer”)



Indictment* - Statement of criminal charges

- Indictment - noun
The grand jury did not issue an indictment.
- Indicted – verb
Although the jury indicted them on a murder charge, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam faced no kidnapping charges.
- Indicting – verb
Indicting whites for crimes against blacks was unpopular during the Jim-Crow era.

*Indictment – See Chapter 5 (Emmett Till)

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12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. **CR 07 0732**

13 Plaintiff,)

14 v.)

15 BARRY LAMAR BONDS,)

16 Defendant.)

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19 INDICTMENT

20 The Grand Jury charges:

21 Background

22 At all times relevant to this Indictment:

23 1. The defendant, BARRY LAMAR BONDS ("Bonds"), was a Major League

24 Baseball player for the San Francisco Giants.

25 2. Balco Laboratories, Inc. ("Balco"), was a California corporation performing

26 blood-testing, among other functions. Balco was located in Burlingame, California.

27 3. Greg Anderson ("Anderson") was a personal athletic trainer whose clients

28 included numerous professional athletes, including Bonds. Anderson was affiliated with Balco

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Initiative* - leading the action

- Initiative – noun
Habitat for Humanity helps people take the initiative to assist others.
- Initiate – verb
The team initiated their plan to build a home for a needy family.
- Initiator– noun
Everyone knew Hilly – in *The Help* - as an initiator of gossip.



*Initiative – See Chapter 1 (Preface of *The Help*)

Prowess* - exceptional ability, valor or bravery

- Prowess – noun

When Wilt Chamberlain played basketball, with the University of Kansas, everyone marveled at his prowess.



*Prowess – See Chapter 4 (Emmett Till Visits Mississippi)

Unintimidated* - Unafraid; undeterred by fear; unblinking

Unintimidated – adjective

Unintimidated by a law requiring African-Americans to sit in the back of a bus, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man.

*Unintimidated – See Chapter 5
(Emmett Till)

