VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER for 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, is used to
- make other products, like cereal.
- Commodities plural noun
- After the earthquake in Haiti, people from all over the world sent commodities such as blankets, diapers and many other products to aid the victims.
- Commodity noun an interchangeable product
- 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.
- * <u>Desperation</u> 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.
- *<u>Dichotomy</u> see Chapter 6 (Black Maids and White Children)



Disparaging* • disrespectful

- Disparaging adjective
- Her disparaging comments were sickening
- Disparage 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.
- * <u>Disparaging</u> 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 Evans in Jackson)



Heckled* ♥ to harass

<u>Heckled</u> – verb

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

Heckler – noun

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

<u>Heckling</u> – adjective

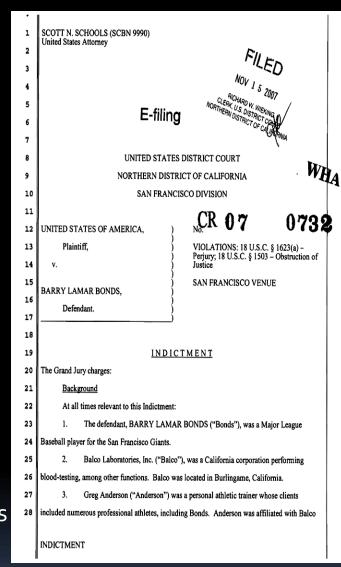
One of the worst things for a speaker to encounter, during a speech, is a heckling crowd.

*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)

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)



- <u>Prowess</u> 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)

