

# 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.
- \* 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.
- 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.
- \* 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.

Heckler – noun

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, )  
13 Plaintiff, )  
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15 BARRY LAMAR BONDS, )  
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No. CR 07 0732

VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 1623(a) -  
Perjury; 18 U.S.C. § 1503 - Obstruction of  
Justice

SAN FRANCISCO VENUE

The Grand Jury charges:

Background

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

1. The defendant, BARRY LAMAR BONDS ("Bonds"), was a Major League Baseball player for the San Francisco Giants.
2. Balco Laboratories, Inc. ("Balco"), was a California corporation performing blood-testing, among other functions. Balco was located in Burlingame, California.
3. Greg Anderson ("Anderson") was a personal athletic trainer whose clients included numerous professional athletes, including Bonds. Anderson was affiliated with Balco



# 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)

