



To Kill a Mockingbird Words Related to Prejudice

The words listed below are either close to or opposite in meaning to *prejudice*. First, classify the words into the two columns *Synonyms* and *Antonyms*. Then, using a dictionary, explain how each word's meaning is unique by either writing a short definition or using the word in a phrase or example. Finally, write a sentence about the town of Maycomb and its people using at least three of these words.

animosity**discrimination****pigeonhole****apartheid****esteem****respect****approval****impartiality****sympathy****aversion****justice****tolerance****bias****love****umbrage****contempt****mindset****xenophobia****SYNONYMS****ANTONYMS****Sentence:**

RL.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

Answer Key

Suggested Answers

SYNONYMS

animosity: a feeling of hatred or hostility
 apartheid: system of segregation in South Africa
 aversion: a feeling of repugnance
 bias: a tendency toward prejudice
 contempt: the act of despising
 discrimination: an act of prejudice
 mindset: a fixed state of mind
 pigeonhole: to classify or restrict
 umbrage: a feeling of doubt or resentment
 xenophobia: fear or hatred of foreigners

ANTONYMS

approval: acceptance
 esteem: high regard for someone
 impartiality: treating people equally
 justice: fairness and right action
 love: strong affection for someone
 respect: good feelings, consideration
 sympathy: unity, harmony, accord
 tolerance: act of allowing or admitting

In Maycomb, the animosity and discrimination of the past are slowly giving way to more tolerance and respect.