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| ***Caution:*** An author is telling you **different** things when using these words:   * civil rights * discrimination * segregation   The author means something even more if the author includes in the sentence such words as *legal* or *by law* or *supreme law of the land* (a reference to our Constitution).  ***Notice the Caution with segregation below.*** |

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### accommodations

something supplied for convenience or to satisfy a need: as a :  lodging, food, and services or traveling space and related services —usually used in plural <tourist accommodations on the boat> <overnight accommodations>

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| private a :  intended for or restricted to the use of a particular person, group, or class <a private park>  b :  belonging to or concerning an individual person, company, or interest <a private house> |
| public 1a. exposed to general view :  [open](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/open)  2a : of, relating to, or affecting all the people or the whole area of a nation or state <public law>  b :  of or relating to a government  c :  of, relating to, or being in the service of the community or nation  3 a :  of or relating to people in general :  [universal](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/universal)  4 :  of or relating to business or community interests as opposed to private affairs :  [social](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/social)  5:  devoted to the general or national welfare :  [humanitarian](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/humanitarian)  6a :  accessible to or shared by all members of the community |

### caste

Main Entry: **caste** Pronunciation: \ˈkast *also* ˈkäst\ Function: *noun*   
Etymology: Portuguese *casta,* literally, race, lineage, … Date: 1613

**1** **:** one of the hereditary social classes in Hinduism that restrict the occupation of their members and their association with the members of other [**castes**](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/castes)  
**2 a** **:** a division of society based on differences of wealth, inherited rank or privilege, profession, occupation, or race **b** **:** the position conferred by caste standing **:** [**prestige**](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prestige)  
**3** **:** a system of rigid social stratification characterized by hereditary status, endogamy, and social barriers sanctioned by custom, law, or religion

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| endogamy marriage within a specific group as required by custom or law |

### civil rights

Main Entry: **civil rights** Function: *noun plural* Date: 1658

the nonpolitical rights of a citizen; *especially* **:** the rights of personal liberty guaranteed to United States citizens by the 13th and 14th amendments to the Constitution and by acts of Congress

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| political of or relating to politics or government  interested in or active in politics |

### discrimination

Main Entry: **dis·crim·i·na·tion** Pronunciation: \dis-ˌkri-mə-ˈnā-shən\ Function: *noun* Date: 1648

**3** a : the act, practice, or an instance of [**discriminating**](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/discriminating) categorically rather than individually **b** **:** prejudiced or prejudicial outlook, action, or treatment <racial *discrimination*>

### lynch

to put to death (as by hanging) by mob action without legal sanction

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| mob a large group or crowd of people who are angry or violent or difficult to control |
| sanction explicit or official approval, permission, or ratification |

### riot (as in a race riot)

2*a* **:**  public violence, tumult, or disorder

*b* **:**  a violent public disorder; *specifically* **:**  a tumultuous disturbance of the public peace by three or more persons assembled together and acting with a common intent

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| ***Caution in reading the next definition:*** Words mean something. “Separation or isolation” are different from other forms of discrimination. Further, an author is telling you something with he or she adds these words to the words *separation* or *isolation*:   * Enforced * Voluntary   Look at the examples of voluntary and enforced separation in chronological order:   * **Before the Civil War**, whites had forced black slaves to worship in *white* churches.  Whites did **not** allow blacks to be separate. (For why, remember Nat Turner.) * **After the Civil War and the end of slavery in 1865**, the new freedmen want their own churches.  The blacks separated from the whites by their choice—thus a **voluntary** separation. * **After the late 1880s in some areas**, whites only let freedmen live in one section of the town.  The whites separated the blacks from them—thus an **enforced** separation. |

### segregation

Main Entry: seg·re·ga·tion Pronunciation: \ˌse-gri-ˈgā-shən\ Function: noun Date: 1555

**1** **:** the act or process of [**segregating**](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/segregating) **:** the state of being [**segregated**](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/segregated)  
**2 a** **:** the separation or isolation of a race, class, or ethnic group by enforced or voluntary residence in a restricted area, by barriers to social intercourse, by separate educational facilities, or by other discriminatory means **b** **:** the separation for special treatment or observation of individuals or items from a larger group <*segregation* of gifted children into accelerated classes

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| ghetto *noun* \ˈge-(ˌ)tō\  : a part of a city in which members of a particular group or race live usually in poor conditions |
| incarceration 1 :  to put in prison  2 :  to subject to confinement |
| internment **:**  to confine or impound especially during a war <*intern* enemy aliens> |
| quarantine a :  a restraint upon the activities or communication of persons or the transport of goods designed to prevent the spread of disease or pests |