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Homework

Using context clues

Read the passage below. Underline the words in the passage that are new to you. Then clarify the new words by using context clues.

Remember, context clues may give a definition in the same sentence. You may also find clues to meaning in the sentences around the word.



Lynching

Lynching is defined as premeditated murder by a mob, or group of people, without legal authority. Lynching is typically used as a form of social control, where one group of people attempts to intimidate another group. Lynching often combines murder with a display of public spectacle. For example, the body of the lynched person is often displayed by hanging or other methods.

In the United States, lynching of African Americans became common in the South during Reconstruction, the period right after the Civil War. Nearly 3500 African Americans were lynched in the United States between 1882 and 1968.

Copy four new words you found. Write your best guess about the meaning of each word and check whether you are sure about the meaning.

New Word	Probably means...	Are you sure of the meaning?
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How does reading about lynching make you feel?

If you could speak to the lynchers, what would you say?

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