

APPENDIX

The following information will assist instruction as you prepare students to read *Hello Herman*.

Definitions of Vocabulary Words

advocate. *verb*. to speak or write in favor of; support or urge by argument; recommend publicly.

anarchy. *noun*. a state of society without government or law; confusion or disorder.

bastardization. *noun*. the act of bastardizing. (bastardize. *verb*. to lower in condition or worth; debase).

conformist. *adjective*. of or characterized by conforming, especially in action or appearance.

culture. *noun*. the behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group.

exclusive. *noun*. a piece of news, or the reporting of a piece of news, obtained by a newspaper or other news organization, along with the privilege of using it first.

execution. *noun*. the infliction of capital punishment or, formerly, of any legal punishment.

facade. *noun*. a superficial appearance or illusion of something.

karma. *noun*. the good or bad emanations felt to be generated by someone or something.

massacre. *noun*. 1. the unnecessary, indiscriminate killing of a large number of human beings or animals, as in barbarous warfare or persecution or for revenge or plunder. 2. a general slaughter, as of persons or animals.

rampant. *adjective*. violent in action or spirit; raging; furious.

remorse. *noun*. deep and painful regret for wrongdoing; compunction.

secede. *verb*. to withdraw formally from an alliance, federation, or association, as from a political union, a religious organization, etc.

towelhead. *noun*. an offensive term for a person wearing a turban.

vengeance. *noun*. infliction of injury, harm, humiliation, or the like, on a person by another who has been harmed by that person; violent revenge.

Source: Dictionary.com

REFERENCES

Some students may be unfamiliar with these titles, yet it is important that they have a basic understanding of each as they relate to Herman’s character and to his actions.

The Anarchist’s Cookbook, by William Powell. First published in 1971, this book contains instructions for the manufacture of explosives, rudimentary telecommunications phreaking devices, and other items. It was written by William Powell to protest United States involvement in the Vietnam War. (Source: [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Anarchist's_Cookbook))

In Cold Blood, by Truman Capote. *In Cold Blood* [1966] tells the true story of the murder of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas, in 1959. The book is written as if it were a novel, complete with dialog, and is what Truman Capote referred to as “New Journalism” — the nonfiction novel. (Source: [cliffsnotes.com](https://www.cliffsnotes.com/study-guides/truman-capote/in-cold-blood))

Mein Kampf, by Adolph Hitler. Combines elements of autobiography with an exposition of Hitler’s political ideology. Volume 1 of *Mein Kampf* was published in 1925 and Volume 2 in 1926. (Source: [books.google.com](https://books.google.com/books?id=8v1tEgYUW0cC))