Dehumanization Discussion
Guide Re-Work

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Purpose: The Dehumanization Discussion Guide is meant to be a tool students can use in writing their final essays. After receiving these from students, it is clear that we need to go back and re-work them in an effort to ensure that they serve the purpose they were intended for.
## Section 1: What it looks like now.

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| Describe the dehumanizing attitude/action. Describe what happens, who it happens to/about, when it happens and who is involved. **BE SPECIFIC.** If your example is of a dehumanizing attitude, identify what was said that revealed the attitude AS WELL AS who said it. | The definition of dehumanization is “to deprive a person of human qualities, rights, or individuality; to make machine or robot-like.” In the following space EXPLAIN how the example you described in the first column serves as an example of someone being deprived of human qualities, rights, or individuality. Here are some sentence starters you might use:  

  a. *This action/attitude deprives_________ of his/her human qualities/rights/individuality by . . .*

  b. *This is an example of dehumanization because, in it, ________ is being deprived of . . .* |
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| In Chapter 3, Mr. Alacran refers to Matt as an animal and demands that “it” be taken out of the house. | • Mr. Alacran  
• Animal  
• Page 12  
• Rude to Matt *(Not specific enough! Does not include who was rude or what they said in order to be rude. Just because someone was treated rudely doesn't necessarily mean they were dehumanized)* |
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| In Chapter 10, El Patrón says his party guests are “just like robots.” | • El Patrón  
• Chapter 10  
• Robots  
• Dehumanizing remark  
• El Patrón says something dehumanizing. |
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The following are NOT examples of dehumanization! (They don’t happen to a human)

- Furball getting killed
- Furball nearly being drowned
- Horses being turned into safe horses
- Furball being insulted or treated poorly
- A frog being nailed to the ground
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What I'll be looking for:

a. Examples that are clear instances of dehumanizing attitudes and actions.

b. Examples that are varied. Do your best to use examples from the experiences and actions of different characters.

c. Clear descriptions of each example and clear logic explaining why each example counts as dehumanization. I need to know that you know exactly which instance from the book you're describing and exactly why it serves as a valid example of dehumanization.

d. That you don't repeat yourself – The instructions say that you can may use someone calling Matt a beast or an animal ONE TIME. If you cite more than one instance of Matt being referred to as an animal, it tells me that you don't have any more examples to use.