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### Rampant Prejudice

(1) In Prentice Hall's *Literature* textbook, allegory is defined as a tale or story that has two meanings, both literal and symbolic. (2) In chapter 10 of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the allegory of the rabid dog represents racism. (3) For instance the disease of the rabid dog is much like the disease of a racist man and cannot always be seen at first glance. (4) As Scout watches Tim Johnson, the rabid dog, she thinks to herself, "I thought mad dog foamed at the mouth, galloped, leaped and lunged at throats and I thought they did it in August. Had Tim Johnson behaved thus, I would have been less frightened" (94). (5) From previous knowledge of rabid animals, Scout realizes it would have been more comforting if Tim would act as he should if he were sick, instead of acting like nothing was wrong. (6) Although some cases of rabies and racism can be obvious, they can also be the exact opposite, where it can be so discreet that it can be disguised for no one to see. (7) To illustrate, prejudice can be also very unstable. (11) In addition, prejudice has a dangerous existence that can appear to target anyone from the innocent to the deserving.