


## Lösungsvorschlag zu “Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter” – an acronym

An acronym forms a word  
with the first letters of each line.

1. Create an acronym which deals with the idea of belonging in the novel.

 Write down the associations you have.

### *Acronym*

**B** rothers

**E** conomy

**L** oneliness

**O** stracism

**N** ovel

**G** uns

**I** nvestigations

**N** igger

**G** uilt

### *Associations, background information*

Larry and Silas as half brothers because of Carl Ott's adultery; mixed-race relations; friendship

economic decline; rural Mississippi; white trash

Larry as an avid book reader; strict routines; wishing for a friend

Larry's life as an outcast; lonely white boy and adult; suspected of murdering Cindy Walker and Tina Rutherford

crime fiction, literary fiction

Larry Ott and guns, Silas as a policeman, Wallace Stringfellow and guns; solving the crimes

Silas as a detective; Silas finds proof that he is the mixed-race son of Larry Ott's father and his Afro-American mother

The “n-word”: humiliation, insult, racism; Civil Rights Movement

Silas's failure in revealing his relationship with Cindy Walker: bad conscience; dominated by past