“Othering” is a term for defining people as members of groups, rather than individuals, and allowing group membership to determine how we feel about them. This has to do with something called “in-group bias” or “in-group favouritism”.

Research these terms and provide some examples based on your understanding.

What groups are “othered” today? Provide an example and defend it.

Stowe tries to combat the tendency to treat a different group differently in the book with ongoing emphasis on the feelings of women toward their children and husbands. In particular, she asks mothers to think of their children who have died as a comparison to children that slave mothers lose through slavery. Do you think this was an effective tactic? Defend your opinion.