Plessy v. Ferguson / Vocabulary •

As you read the background summary of Plessy v. Ferguson, look for the important vocabulary terms. When you come to one of those terms, look at this page for its definition. Then, check to see if you understand the definition by either sketching a picture of what you think it means, or by putting it in your own words.

1. arrest (arrested)
   
   **Definition:** to seize and hold under the authority of law.

   Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

2. guilty

   **Definition:** legally found to have committed a crime.

   Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

3. petition

   **Definition:** a formal request to persons in authority or power.

   Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:
4. **segregation**

**Definition:** the policy or practice of separating people of different races, classes, or ethnic groups in schools, housing, and public or commercial facilities, especially as a form of discrimination.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing:

5. **unconstitutional**

**Definition:** not allowed by or contained in the Constitution. If a law is unconstitutional, it will be struck down, meaning it is no longer a law.

Express this term in your own words or in a drawing: