

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: