

### CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS: LESSON 3: KEY TERMS

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- **perplexity** (noun) – state of confusion
- **humane** (adjective) – having or showing compassion or kindness
- **proprietor** (noun) – the owner or holder of property or business
- **cultivate** (verb) – to raise or grow
- **apprehend** (verb) – to arrest someone
- **injunction** (noun) – a warning or order
- **substantiate** (verb) – to provide evidence that a claim is true
- **aristocrats** (noun) – someone in the ruling class (see *also planter class*)
- **plight** (noun) – a dangerous or difficult situation; problem or struggle
- **planter class** (noun) – a group of Southern aristocrats who owned plantations and slaves and held the most economic and political power in the South
- **illiterate** (adj.) – being unable to read or write
- **illicit** (adjective) – forbidden by laws or rules
- **abolitionist** (noun) – a person in favor of getting rid of slavery as an institution
- **ration** (noun or verb) – a fixed amount, such as food, during a time of shortage (such as war)
- **reform** (verb) – to completely change or improve
- **policy** (noun) – a rule made by a government or business
- **contradict** (verb) – the opposite of what is expected
- **haven** (noun) – a safe place
- **oppress** (verb) – to keep someone in hardship through control of someone in power