

CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS: LESSON 5: KEY TERMS

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- **Reconstruction Era** (noun) – the period between 1863-1877 when the U.S. federal government set out to unify or bring together the country by helping to rebuild the destroyed South, readmit Confederate states, and assist former slaves in adjusting to society as freed people.
- **White supremacy** (noun) – the belief that white people are superior to other races and should therefore dominate society
- **justify** (verb) – to show or prove right
- **rash** (adjective) – to do something without careful thought
- **honor** (noun or verb) – high respect or esteem
- **primary** (adjective) – main or first
- **preservation** (noun) – the act of caring, keeping, and maintaining something
- **benevolent** (adj.) – kindhearted and compassionate
- **invoke** (verb) – to bring about action
- **mythological** (adj.) – relating to a myth, fable, or folklore
- **disassemble** (verb) – to take apart; dismantle (*synonym*)
- **replica** (noun) – an exact copy
- **reconciliation** (noun) – the act of bringing people or things back together
- **inscription** (noun) – words engraved on a plaque or monument
- **artifact** (noun) – a historical or cultural object
- **vandalize** (verb) – to deliberately and completely destroy
- **commemorate** (verb) – to celebrate or show respect
- **disenfranchisement** (noun) – the state of not being allowed to do something, especially the right to vote.
- **barter** (verb) – to exchange goods without the use of money
- **pine knots** (noun) – a joint of pine wood, especially used for fuel
- **secede** (verb) – to withdraw or leave
- **acclaim** (noun) – public praise
- **annexation** (noun) – the act of attaching, joining together, or invading land or territory
- **advocate** (verb) – support and/or speak in favor of
- **treason** (noun) – the act of betraying someone or something, such as one's country
- **descendant** (noun) – a person who descended or came from a particular ancestor
- **execute** (verb) – to carry out a course of action or plan
- **expatiate** (verb) – speak or write in detail
- **subjugation** (noun) – the act of bringing someone or something under control
- **brethren** (noun) – plural of brother
- **reunification** (noun) – to bring back together as a whole again