

CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS: LESSON 6: KEY TERMS

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- **patriotism** (noun) – having devotion and support for your country
- **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.
- **Jim Crow laws** – state and local laws that kept people segregated, or separated, by race. They kept public spaces like schools, transportation, pools, and restrooms separate. They also were put in place to make it very difficult for Black people to vote. Jim Crow laws also kept Black and white people from getting married. These were very bad in the South in the states that had previously practiced slavery.
- **Memorialize** (verb) – to preserve, or keep, the memory of a person, place, event, or thing
- **Integrate** (verb) – to bring people of different races together in public spaces that were previously segregated
- ***Brown v. Board of Education (1954)*** – a landmark Supreme Court case that ruled separate but equal schools were unlawful and unconstitutional. The ruling told schools to integrate but may schools went as long as they could or came up with different ways to prevent integration. This ruling was also used to make it unlawful to keep other public spaces segregated by race.
- **segregationists** (noun) – a person who supports racial segregation, usually because it meant keeping power for White people and because of the belief that Black children and people were inferior to White people
- **Ku Klux Klan** – a white supremacist group in the United States that practices hate, terror, and violence against people of color
- **emblem** (noun) – a symbol
- **ideology** (noun) – a belief system that inspires actions of groups
- **orator** (noun) – a person speaking in public who is very talented
- **comrade** (noun) – a fellow friend, member of a group, or soldier in service
- **principle** (noun) – a value or belief that guides a person's behavior
- **sentiment** (noun) – an attitude or opinion about something
- **valiant** (adjective) – brave
- **reverberate** (verb) – a repeated loud noise; an echo
- **abrupt** (adjective) – sudden or unexpected
- **amenable** (adjective) – open to being persuaded or taking a suggestion
- **dominant** (adjective) – being more powerful
- **prominent** (adjective) – being important or large
- **Freedom Summer**
- **pivotal** (adjective) – very important
- **inevitable** (adjective) – something that cannot be avoided

- **racial oppression** – when people of color are abused and kept in a low status by a group that is more powerful
- **promulgate** (verb) – to make something widely known