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WORD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
Emancipation Proclamation	President Lincoln's official announcement that freed the slaves in the Confederate States.	The Emancipation Proclamation was issued in 1862.
Confederate States of America	The southern states that seceded from the United States of America during the Civil War period.	The Confederate States of America had a Constitution and a President.
The Union	The north—the states that remained in the United States of America during the Civil War period.	Massachusetts was part of the Union during the Civil War.
abolish (verb)	to end something, to get rid of a law or way of do- ing things	Vermont abolished slavery in 1777.
emancipate (verb)	to set free	President Lincoln emancipated the slaves in 1862.
proclaim (verb)	to officially announce, to say out loud	I proclaimed my love for Mary.
secede (verb)	To formally withdraw from an organization or a union.	South Carolina seceded from the Union in 1860.
segregate (verb)	To separate, to keep apart.	In many areas of life the South, African-Americans were segregated from Whites.

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integrate (verb)	To combine, to put together with	After Brown v Board of Education, it was expected that African-Americans and Whites would be integrated in schools.
slave (noun)	A person who is the legal property of another person.	During the period of the Middle Passage, it is estimated that 12.7 million Africans were shipped to the New World to become slaves. (Not all of them survived the boat trip.)
indentured servant (noun)	A person who is an owned (not free to leave) employee of another person for a specific period of time.	Some estimates say that as many as 500,000 of the Europeans who come to the American Colonies arrived as indentured servants.
rural (noun)	Away from the city, the countryside, country living	There are many dairy farms in rural Massachusetts.
urban (noun)	In the city, having to do with city life	Springfield is the largest urban area in Western Massachusetts.

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migrate (verb)  immigrate [to] (verb)  emigrate [from] (verb)  migration (noun: act of)  migrant (noun: person)  immigrant (noun: person)	To move from one place to another that is far away.	Monarch butterflies migrate from Canada to Mexico for the winter. People also migrate when they leave their home country for another place.
discriminate (verb)  discrimination (noun)	To recognize that two (or more) things are different.  Discrimination is often used to mean treating people differently based on things like race, ethnicity, sexual identity, gender, nationality, appearance, etc.	He is colorblind. He can not discriminate between the colors red and green.
race (noun) racism (noun) racial (adjective) racist (noun)	The idea of race separates people into groups using physical characteristics like skin color and eye shape.  Racism is behavior that treats people differently based on the belief that one race is better than the others.	The idea that there are different races of people is not a scientific idea.  Racism has led to some terrible situations in American history.