

## VOCABULARY

Discuss the meaning of each **bold** word as it is used in *Emancipation the Opera* and in the following sentences.

“Education ... means **emancipation**. It means life and liberty. It means the uplifting of the soul of men into the glorious light of truth, the light by which men can only be made free.”  
—Frederick Douglass

“Elimination of illiteracy is as serious an issue to our history as the **abolition** of slavery.”—Maya Angelou

“**Abolitionists** believe that, as all men are born free, so all who are now held as slaves in this country were born free, and that they are slaves now is a sin...”—Elijah Parrish Lovejoy

“I think that slavery is wrong, morally, socially and politically. I desire that it should be no further spread in these United States, and I should not object if it should gradually terminate in the whole **Union**.”—Abraham Lincoln

“I was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the **Confederacy**.”—Corey Reynolds

“During the Civil War, just as in the Revolution, soldiers gathered from cities and rural areas around the country, living in crowded conditions with deplorable sanitation. Outbreaks of **typhoid fever** and measles took a tremendous toll on the soldiers.”—Mary Ann Ashcraft

“The great constitutional corrective in the hands of the people against usurpation of power, or corruption by their agents is the right of **suffrage**; and this when used with calmness and deliberation will prove strong enough.”—Andrew Jackson

“Whenever I hear anyone arguing for **slavery**, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.”—Abraham Lincoln

“I think slavery is the next thing to hell. If a person would send another into **bondage**, he would, it appears to me, be bad enough to send him into hell if he could.”—Harriet Tubman

“Despite handicaps of inadequate funds and poorly trained personnel, the [Freedman’s] bureau built hospitals for, and gave direct medical assistance to, more than 1,000,000 **freedmen**.”  
—Encyclopedia Britannica

“Although Washington set his slaves on the path to freedom in his will, the **manumission** didn’t take effect until after the death of his wife Martha, which would be in 1802.”—Suyin Haynes, Time Magazine

“Starting in the early 1800s, Southerners in the United States began to defend slavery as their 'peculiar institution,' and northerners didn't mind, since the phrase suggested that **chattel** bondage was quarantined from the rest of the nation: that it was, or soon would be, a relic of its past and would not define its future.”—Greg Grandin

“I was the conductor of the **Underground Railroad** for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say; I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger.”—Harriet Tubman