

Slavery and the U.S. Constitution

Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned about the debate over slavery that took place at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. You will now write an essay that shares what you have learned and what you think about it. You will need a printout of your notes.

- Choose one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
- **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, videos, and other materials in this lesson.
- **Use** at least three vocabulary words (or a form of the words) as part of your supporting details.

Essay Topics

1. Describe in your own words how slavery was an issue at the Constitutional Convention. What compromises over slavery did the delegates reach in the Constitution?
2. Imagine that you are a Constitutional delegate from a Northern state. Write up a short argument establishing your position on what should be done about slavery in the new nation.
3. Imagine that you are a delegate from a Southern state. Write up a short argument establishing your position on what should be done about slavery in the new nation.

Vocabulary Words

abolish

convention

delegates

emancipation

liberty