

## From Slavery to Freedom in Colonial Times

### Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned about the life of Venture Smith in slavery and in freedom. 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, video, 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. Why do you think Venture Smith's story continues to be told today? How might his story be similar to or different from the experiences of other enslaved people?
2. Write an obituary describing Venture Smith's life. An obituary is a notice in a newspaper of someone's death that often includes a short description of the important details of that person's life.
3. As you read in the passage, Venture Smith said, "My freedom is a privilege which nothing else can equal." Explain in your own words what you think he meant by this.

### Vocabulary Words

venture

slavery

occupation

purchase

slaveholder