

Lesson 4 Glossary

Glossary terms are listed in the order in which they appear.

Manumitted	Freed from enslavement privately and voluntarily by one's slaveholder.
Freedom suits	An enslaved individual formally petitioning or suing in a court for his or her freedom.
Gradual emancipation law	Legislation that granted freedom to enslaved people over time given certain criteria, such as age.
Petitioning	Officially bringing grievances or requests to a governing body.
Ordinance	law
Indentured servant	Men and women who signed a contract or indenture to work for a certain number of years in return for transportation to the American colonies and food, clothing, and shelter once they arrived. After completion of their contract, they were given freedom.