

## **Plessy v. Ferguson / Vocabulary ••/••—Answer Key**

Using context clues in the reading, define the following terms. Additional sources such as dictionaries may be used if needed.

**1. arrest (arrested)**

- a. Define: *to seize and hold under the authority of law. to seize and hold under the authority of law.*
- b. Use in a sentence:

**2. petition**

- a. Define: *a formal request to persons in authority or power.*
- b. Use in a sentence:

**3. segregation**

- a. Define: *the policy or practice of separating people of different races, classes, or ethnic groups, as in schools, housing, and public or commercial facilities, especially as a form of discrimination.*
- b. Use in a sentence:

**4. unconstitutional**

- a. Define: *not allowed by or contained in the Constitution. If a law is unconstitutional, it will be struck down, meaning it is no longer a law.*
- b. Use in a sentence: