

Resource Sheet #1

Profile List and Term Distinctions

Black Feminists Profiled:

- ⊙ Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1929)
- ⊙ Fanny Marion Jackson Coppin (1837-1913)
- ⊙ Sarah Forten (1814 - 1883)
- ⊙ Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911)
- ⊙ Charlotte Forten Grimke (1837-1914)
- ⊙ Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823-1893)
- ⊙ Maria W. Stewart (1803-1879)

Term Distinctions:

- ⊙ Enslaved Africans vs. Slaves: Being “enslaved” rather than a “slave” implies that this is a situation that is forced upon someone rather than a natural inherent situation.
- ⊙ Black vs. Afric-Americans: At this time in history, people of African ancestry (based only in the North) had been feverishly debating what to call themselves and they had agreed (somewhat) on the term “Afric-American.” Since it is used interchangeably with the terms “colored,” “Negro” and Afro-American, I chose to use the more recently (within the last 30 years or so) adopted term of Black.
- ⊙ Free-born vs. Free(d): In this lesson, as an added distinction, the term “free-born” will be used to help students understand the differences between women who have never been enslaved nor were they first-generation “free” women and women who are less than one generation removed from bondage.