

## Closing Thoughts Essay

In a 3-paragraph essay, respond to the prompts listed below. Use your responses from the *Write-then-Share Worksheet* to support your writing.

- Express your understanding of the contributions of enslaved Africans to the success of the United States.
- Use text based evidence to show how African Americans paved the way for other marginalized communities to fight oppression.
- Do you agree with the author's main idea? Why or why not?