

The Emancipation Proclamation Extension *Advanced*

Unit 8: Civil War

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On January 1, 1863, nearly two years after the Civil War began, President Abraham Lincoln issued a special presidential law called an executive order that would change the course of American history. In this lesson, you will read and analyze excerpts from Lincoln's executive order, the Emancipation Proclamation.

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom."

1. According to the excerpt, what was the purpose of the Emancipation Proclamation?
2. Which states in the U.S. would be affected by the Proclamation? Would any states **not** be affected by its requirements? Explain. Use text evidence to support your answer.
3. Consider your response to question number two. Why do you think Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation in this way?

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

4. What request and recommendation did President Lincoln make in this excerpt of the document? Who is the request and recommendation directed at, and why do you think he included this?

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

5. What offer did President Lincoln make in this excerpt, and why do you think he included this offer in the document?
6. How do you think the Southern states in the Confederacy responded to the Emancipation Proclamation?