

Guiding Questions

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Document A: Emancipation Proclamation

1. The Civil War ended in 1865. Why did Lincoln decide to free the slaves before the war even ended?
2. In the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln does not mention Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Missouri. These states had slaves but were not part of the Confederacy (they were not fighting against the Union). What happens to the slaves in these states?
3. Why do you think he calls the act a “military necessity” in the last section?

Document B: Frederick Douglass

1. According to Douglass, what was happening in the North in 1863?
2. What was Lincoln worried about?
3. What is Douglass’s conclusion about Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation?
4. Douglass wrote about his meeting with Lincoln almost 20 years later. How might the passage of time affect Douglass’s memory of Lincoln and his evaluation of the Emancipation Proclamation?

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**Did Lincoln free the slaves?
Or did the slaves free themselves?**

Evidence that Lincoln Freed the Slaves	Evidence that the Slaves Freed Themselves
Conclusion:	