

Abraham Lincoln Actions as President: Emancipation Proclamation



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Who: Written by Abraham Lincoln

When: January 1, 1863

Where: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

What happened: Soon after Lincoln became president, 9 states seceded from the union. In order to keep the union together Abraham Lincoln declared war on the Southern states in rebellion. Mid way through the war, the Emancipation Proclamation was written to free the slaves and allow them to join the Union army.

Where: Only the slaves in the Southern states that were in rebellion against the Union were freed. Slaves in the border states of Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia were not freed.

“Slaves within any state...in rebellion against the United States shall be then and forever free.”

Why do you think that Abraham Lincoln did not free slaves everywhere in the United States?

Why do you think Abraham Lincoln chose to free the slaves in the south midway through the war?

How did this action reflect his characteristic(s) as a leader?

Why do you think Abraham Lincoln is still remembered today for writing the Emancipation Proclamation?