Emancipation Proclamation
January 1, 1863

Directions: Read excerpts from Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and answer the questions.

> "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. This proclamation freed slaves in what areas of the United States? _____

2. In what areas were slaves *not* freed? _____

3. According to this passage, who was responsible for maintaining the freedom of such persons? _____

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

4. What did he encourage former slaves to avoid? _____

> 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. Who is he encouraging to join the armed services if they're in suitable condition? _____

6. Using your background knowledge of influential leaders of the time, what man recommended this strategy to Lincoln?

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> And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

7. In this excerpt, how did Lincoln justify his actions? _____

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Using your background knowledge:

8. What amendment to the Constitution officially abolished slavery in all areas of the United States? _____