**Emancipation Proclamation**

“I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free…and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons. And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense…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.”

* Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863

From the desk of President Abraham Lincoln

1. Slaves in which states would be free?
2. Who will enforce the freedom of the former slaves?
3. What can former slaves now do?
4. Why could Lincoln only free the slaves in the states that were in rebellion and not all of the slaves throughout the country?
5. How effective do you believe the Emancipation Proclamation was?