

Lincoln's Goal

- ***Keep the Union together; reunite the North and South.***
- ***“If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and if I could do it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that.”***

Emancipation Proclamation

- ***Emancipate – set free***
- ***Proclamation – official statement***
- ***Originally created in July, 1862; Lincoln needs a Union victory before issuing the EP, he doesn't want to seem desperate.***
- ***Officially announced on Sept. 22nd, 1862 after the Union victory at the Battle of Antietam.***

Emancipation Proclamation

“ On the first day of January, in the year of our lord 1863, all persons held as slaves within any state or ... part of a state [whose] people ... shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.”

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.

How is this a threat?

True Purpose

- ***Tries to scare the South into rejoining the North.***
- ***3 month window of opportunity; come back now and you can keep your slaves.***
- ***Follows Union victory at Antietam, Shiloh, and control of the Mississippi.***
- ***The EP was never supposed to take effect!***

Results

- ***Changes the focus of the war from keeping the Union to ending slavery.***
 - ***This upsets many Northerners.***
Why?
- ***Prevents European nations from helping the South.***
- ***Slaves in the South begin to sabotage the army and economy.***

******* No slaves were freed by the EP *******

- ***Lincoln is not the President of the CSA, he has no authority over them.***
- ***Slavery in the US is still legal – Border States.***
- ***President does not have the power to make laws.***
- ***Slavery is eventually outlawed in 1865 by the 13th Amendment.***