



## Emancipation Proclamation Primary Source Questions - Teacher Answer Key

1. According to Lincoln, slaves in which states will gain freedom on January 1, 1863?
  - Slaves in the rebellious states - those that had seceded from the United States. But not including the Confederate states that were then under Northern control.

2. Which founding document does Lincoln say gives him the power to free the slaves?

- The Constitution.

3. How do you think the Emancipation Proclamation affected people's reasons for fighting in the war?

- The Proclamation changed the goal for many soldiers to fight either for or against an end to slavery.

4. How did the Proclamation affect Black men who wanted to fight in the war?

- The Proclamation called for the acceptance of Blacks into the Union Army and Navy.