



## Rejoicing Over the Proclamation Primary Source Questions - Teacher Answer Key

1. Do you think the author of this article was in support of the Emancipation Proclamation? Why or why not?
  - He calls the Proclamation “great” and a victory for all who love liberty. The article focuses on the celebrations bred from the Proclamation rather than any negative reactions.
2. Do the reactions to the Emancipation Proclamation in the article seem indicate whether or not newly freed Blacks will support the Northern war effort?
  - Yes, the article references remarks from a Black man that indicated support of the Union army.
3. The Emancipation Proclamation was enacted two years prior to the end of the war. After the Proclamation, how do you think Blacks viewed the importance of fighting in the war?
  - The sense of liberty and joy felt by Blacks after the Emancipation Proclamation was a clear indicator of the appreciation that many felt for President Lincoln and the Union Army. The desire to keep the words of the Emancipation Proclamation intact inspired many Black men to join the war effort and fight to preserve their liberty.