



# Emancipation Proclamation

Lincoln: The “Great  
Emancipator”?

# Lincoln's View on Slavery

- Disliked slavery, but did not believe the federal government had the power to abolish it where it already existed.
- When urged, in 1862, to transform the war into an abolitionist crusade Lincoln replied:
  - “My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or destroy slavery.”

# Lincoln's View on Slavery Evolved

- Slaves were used in the South to help build fortifications and grow food for the Confederacy.
  - Lincoln used his war powers to end slavery
- Emancipation offered a strategic benefit too
  - Britain was strongly for emancipation
  - Lincoln felt emancipation would insure the Brits would not support the South if this happened

# What are your thoughts on Lincoln?

To what extent is Lincoln the “great emancipator”?

Write down one idea/opinion you have on this subject.

# OPVL

How does a student evaluate a source?

Use the following:

Origin

Purpose

Value

Limitation

# Grab a handout on OPVL

We will look at this together and practice writing an OPVL.

We will use the *Emancipation Proclamation*.