

Lincoln Leads a Nation

Evaluate how presidential choices shaped the Civil War.

USI.9.c "evaluating the leadership and impact of Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War;"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three whole sentences that state a leadership choice leading to an impact. Circle the three whole sentences that begin with "As a result," then number each matching choice-and-impact pair 1, 2, and 3.

Leadership During War

- ① When Abraham Lincoln became president in 1861, the nation was dividing over slavery and the Union. He believed the United States should remain one country. Lincoln called for volunteers and directed the Union war effort to save the Union. As a result, the federal government organized a large army to fight for the Union. These choices showed determined leadership during a dangerous conflict.
- ② In 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. It declared freedom for enslaved people in Confederate areas still rebelling against the United States. The order did not free enslaved people in loyal border states. As a result, Black men could enlist in the Union Army and Navy, adding strength to the Union cause. The proclamation made ending slavery a Union war goal.
- ③ The Gettysburg Address was delivered in 1863 after a costly Union victory. In the speech, Lincoln said the nation was dedicated to equality and needed a "new birth of freedom." In 1865, Lincoln supported the Thirteenth Amendment, which would end slavery throughout the United States. As a result, the amendment became part of the Constitution after his death and legally ended slavery.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What leadership choice did Lincoln make early in the war, and what result followed?

2 How did the Emancipation Proclamation strengthen the Union cause?

3 What vision for the nation did Lincoln express in the Gettysburg Address?

4 What lasting impact resulted from Lincoln's support for the Thirteenth Amendment?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly four sentences evaluating which one of Lincoln's leadership choices in the passage was most important. State your choice, use two accurate details from the passage, and explain its impact.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the three whole sentences that state a leadership choice leading to an impact. Circle the three whole sentences that begin with “As a result,” then number each matching choice-and-impact pair 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What leadership choice did Lincoln make early in the war, and what result followed?	He called for volunteers and directed the Union war effort. The federal government organized a large army to fight for the Union.
2	How did the Emancipation Proclamation strengthen the Union cause?	It allowed Black men to enlist in the Union Army and Navy, adding strength to the Union cause.
3	What vision for the nation did Lincoln express in the Gettysburg Address?	He said the nation was dedicated to equality and needed a “new birth of freedom.”
4	What lasting impact resulted from Lincoln's support for the Thirteenth Amendment?	The amendment became part of the Constitution after his death and legally ended slavery.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lincoln's support for the Thirteenth Amendment was his most important leadership choice. It would end slavery throughout the United States. The amendment became part of the Constitution after his death and legally ended slavery. This lasting change made his leadership important beyond the war.

Accept the stated passage-based answers or equivalent wording. For the open response, accept any defensible choice supported by two accurate details and a clear explanation of its impact.