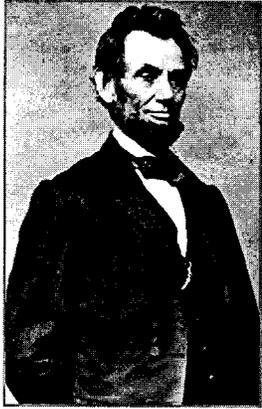


Lincoln Against Slavery



In 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the United States. Lincoln was against slavery. By the time he actually became president, seven southern states had seceded from the Union. They wanted to preserve the institution of slavery.

These states formed a separate government. They called this government the Confederate States of America. Lincoln insisted that secession was illegal. He swore that he would protect federal possessions located in the South.

In December 1860, South Carolina seceded from the Union. Within a few weeks, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas also seceded. In April 1861, Virginia seceded from the Union. Later that year, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina also seceded forming an eleven-state Confederacy.

All of the states that seceded from the Union were slave states.

Label each of the states that seceded from the Union.

THE UNITED STATES, 1861



WORD DEFINITION



secession: to pull away from; to leave



Emancipation Proclamation

President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 during the Civil War. He declared that all slaves under Confederate control were free! Slavery was one of the main reasons why the Northern and Southern states fought each other. After being set free, around 200,000 black men joined the Union army to fight. Almost 40,000 black soldiers died serving their country in the Civil War.



WORD BANK	1863	EMANCIPATION	SOLDIERS	CIVIL
	FREED	SLAVES	ILLEGAL	UNION
	SOUTHERN	ABRAHAM	40,000	

Use the "Word Bank" to answer the questions below.

1. The _____ Proclamation _____ the black _____ in America!
2. Once President _____ Lincoln delivered his famous proclamation, owning slaves was _____.
3. After gaining their freedom, black men could fight as _____ in the _____ army.
4. Nearly _____ black soldiers died in the Civil War.
5. The _____ War was fought between the Northern and _____ states.
6. The Emancipation Proclamation was delivered in January of _____.

Juneteenth is a celebration to remember the Emancipation Proclamation. African Americans celebrate Juneteenth in much the same style as the Fourth of July.

