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A Nation Divided: Reactions to the Emancipation Proclamation

Short Answer Key

1. The Emancipation Proclamation freed enslaved people in Confederate states and allowed African Americans to join the Union Army.
2. Some Union soldiers did not support the proclamation because they were not fighting to end slavery and feared it would take away their jobs.
3. Abolitionists supported the Emancipation Proclamation but wanted all enslaved people to be free, including those in border states.
4. Some Northern Democrats worried that freed African Americans would move north and take jobs.
5. The Emancipation Proclamation turned the Civil War into a fight about slavery, not just about keeping the country together.

