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Brave Fighters: African American Soldiers in the Union Army

Short Answer Key

1. The Emancipation Proclamation, issued by Lincoln on January 1, 1863, allowed African American men to join the Union Army and fight for their freedom.
2. About 180,000 African Americans served in the Union Army.
3. African American soldiers were paid less because of racial discrimination.
4. The Battle of Fort Wagner was an important battle where African American soldiers fought bravely.
5. By fighting in the war, African American soldiers showed their courage, helped end slavery, and helped change laws for equal rights.

