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Freedom Shift

Short Answer Key

1. The main purpose was to preserve the Union and stop the country from breaking apart.
2. Many enslaved people escaped to the North, and the Union realized they needed to address slavery.
3. Lincoln waited for a big Union victory to prove that the North was strong before issuing the Proclamation.
4. The Emancipation Proclamation allowed African Americans to join the Union Army, giving them more soldiers.
5. It showed that the United States was now fighting against slavery, not just for unity.

