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Freedom's Legacy: The Emancipation Proclamation Today

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Opinion-based) A student might say they would feel excited because it meant freedom for many, or frustrated because not all enslaved people were freed right away.
2. It is important to remember history and continue fighting for equal rights.
3. People can support fair laws, treat others with kindness, and learn about history to help create equality today.
4. If Lincoln had not issued the proclamation, slavery may have continued longer, and the Civil War might have ended differently.

