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Hope & Freedom: Reactions to the Emancipation Proclamation

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Enslaved people may have felt excited, hopeful, scared, or uncertain because they did not know what would happen next.
2. Many ran away because they wanted freedom and protection. They knew that the Union Army could help them escape slavery.
3. (Opinion-based) A student might say they would celebrate, run away, or tell others about the news.
4. The proclamation made the Civil War about ending slavery, which helped lead to the 13th Amendment and true freedom for all enslaved people.

