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Lincoln's Big Decision

Short Answer Key

1. Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation to weaken the South, gain support for the war, and take a stand against slavery.
2. Abolitionists like Frederick Douglass spoke out against slavery and encouraged Lincoln to act.
3. The Emancipation Proclamation hurt the South's economy because it took away enslaved labor, which was needed to grow crops and support the army.
4. Enslaved people escaped, refused to work, and joined the Union Army, proving that they were ready to fight for freedom.
5. It only freed enslaved people in Confederate states, not in border states that were still part of the Union.

