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Turning Point

Short Answer Key

1. Lincoln waited because he wanted a Union victory so the announcement wouldn't seem desperate.
2. The main purpose was to declare enslaved people in Confederate states free.
3. It made European countries less likely to support the Confederacy because they opposed slavery.
4. Black soldiers joined the Union Army and helped fight for freedom.
5. The Emancipation Proclamation helped lead to the 13th Amendment, which officially ended slavery in 1865.

