

# Contextualization & Making Inferences... *Emancipation Proclamation*

When analyzing a document, your contextualization must include OUTSIDE knowledge and facts. In a DBQ, you will *not* receive credit for simply pulling information from a document. Analyze the document, then use your analysis to support your thesis to the following prompt: **To what extent did Abraham Lincoln’s presidency maintain continuity and foster change?**

**The Emancipation Proclamation January 1, 1863** - A Transcription By the President of the United States of America:

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit: "That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, *all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free*; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, *will recognize and maintain the freedom* of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom... And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages. And I further declare and make known, that *such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service*. And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**Local Context**(Who, What, When, or Where... BEYOND the obvious, without quoting or describing, and with one specific piece of outside evidence!)

**Broad Context**  
What is the "Big Picture?"  
What is the theme? ...*BEYOND the obvious, without quoting, & with one specific piece of outside evidence! Address the prompt!*

**Other Context**  
Similar (or different) in Kind from a Different Time *in U.S. History only*; Explain how the BROAD context connects from one era to another. *Comparison must have specific piece of outside evidence, and it must also address the prompt!*

**Extension:** On a separate sheet of paper, write your thesis and conclusion for the prompt above.