# READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



## **Emancipation Proclamation** (8.10.4)

### Background:

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, a document that some credit with having freed the slaves.

#### Prompt:

Did Lincoln free the slaves or did the slaves free themselves?

#### Task:

In a well thought out response:

- State a claim in response to the prompt, using the prompt as a sentence stem.
- Support your claim using at least three pieces of evidence from the documents.
  - o Be sure to explain why the evidence you selected supports your claim.
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim.
  - o Use this additional piece of evidence as the basis for a counterclaim