



ANSWERS

What was it: The Emancipation Proclamation was an executive order stating that those held in slavery by the Confederate states "are, and henceforward shall be free."

Who issued it? President Abraham Lincoln

When and Why? January 1st, 1863, towards the end of the second year of the Civil War.

Effects: It freed slaves in southern states that had seceded from the Union. It allowed for African American men to serve in the Union Army. It turned European public opinion in favor of a Union victory. It made it possible for African American men to serve as soldiers in the Union Army. It weakened the southern economy while strengthening the northern military.

Exclusions: It did not apply to slaves living in border states which were still a part of the Union, nor did it apply to Confederate states that the North had already defeated.