



Content Study Guide: Topic 7 Section 4: African Americans and the War

Directions: Answer the questions as you read about the early years of the war on pages 256-260, Prezi, class notes or resources.

Answer using complete sentences unless it states to list.

Level One: Right There Questions: The answers to these questions are stated directly in the text.

1. At the beginning of the war, what was the goal of the Union? What was not a goal?

2. In mid-1862, what was Lincoln's idea of emancipation?

3. What victory did Lincoln use to announce the Emancipation Proclamation?

4. What were some of the effects of the Emancipation Proclamation?

5. How were the first African American troops treated by the Union army?

6. Why was the 54th Massachusetts significant?

7. What happened to many enslaved African Americans after the Emancipation Proclamation?

Level Two: Putting it together: The answers to these questions are not stated directly in the text. The text gives you some clues, but you'll need your own ideas too.

8. Why was freeing slaves valuable to the Union war effort?

Level Three: On Your Own: Draw from own beliefs and experiences to answer this question.

9. Should Lincoln have emancipated slaves at the start of the war? Why or why not?
