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RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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Research Overview

The United States has faced significant slavery issues for a long time before the tenor of President Abraham Lincoln. Nevertheless, the history of slavery begins in the early 1600s because before, the rich landowners in the south had servants who would work on a contract basis. After the end of the contract, the masters would give their servants land and equipment and to enable them to start their own life.¹ However, in 1620, life in England became good and there was a reduction in servants, which required the masters to purchase the Blacks from pirates and own them. Slavery began at that point and the number continued to increase. However, as Lincoln state, the slaves were one-eighth of the whole population and started to run away from their masters seeking freedom. The North championed the abolition of slavery and the south was supporting slavery which resulted in them quitting the union. Intending to save the union and end the civil war, President Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation to free all slaves in designated states and allow them to serve in the Union military². The paper aims to explain the issues raised if Lincoln had not signed the emancipation proclamation.

Context

This research is important in understanding how slavery existed in the United States and the cause of civil war and the effects of the emancipation proclamation. Recognizing this context will make the readers recognize why Abraham Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation

¹ Cummings, Judy Dodge. *The Emancipation Proclamation*. ABDO, 2016.

² Byers, Ann. *The Emancipation Proclamation*. Cavendish Square Publishing, LLC, 2018.

because the black slaves had already started championing their freedom by running away from their masters. Also, the civil war was dividing America, which resulted in Lincoln allowing the slaves in the designated states to be free and join the union army to help end the civil war.

Research Question?

What if Abraham Lincoln hadn't signed the Emancipation Proclamation?

This research paper will review several pieces of literature to answer the research question. The sources comprise both primary and secondary sources. Moreover, upon reviewing, significant information will be discussed and explained in detail to understand the reason for slavery, civil war and why Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation. Similarly, to realize the effects of not signing the emancipation proclamation, it will be vital to understand the effects of the emancipation proclamation. Finally, the paper will discuss if the emancipation proclamation ensured freedom to the current African Americans or an illusion.

Significant topics to be addressed comprises:

Determining the federal-state policy

The preliminary proclamation

The emancipation proclamation taking effect

Evaluating emancipation proclamation

The research paper intends to conclude the paper by realizing the effects the emancipation proclamation had had on the slaves. This will be obtained by realizing if president Lincoln's goals of preserving the union over his beliefs against slavery. At the same time, the

North was championing the abolishment of slavery. Therefore, although Lincoln was faced with substantial challenges between the south and the North as well as the emergence of civil war.

The causes of civil war will be economic interest between the North and the south, power in the federal government and slavery in America. Therefore, if President Lincoln could not sign the emancipation proclamation, then the United States would have split into two with the white in the south that was true Americans, wanted to maintain the legacy, protect their rights and fight for their privileges.

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