The Emancipation Proclamation

**Essential Question:** Did Lincoln free the slaves or did they free themselves?

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| **Lincoln Freed the Slaves** | **The Slaves Freed Themselves** |
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**Directions:** Using evidence, answer the essential question. Did Lincoln free the slaves or did they free themselves? Be sure to include a counterclaim in your argument where they acknowledge the other side of the debate and why it is not correct.

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