

The Civil War**Focus on Writing****The Emancipation Proclamation**

Based on what you have read in the chapter "The Civil War," write a paragraph that argues whether or not the Emancipation Proclamation was effective.

PREWRITING

1. **Consider the Assignment** What are the assignment instructions actually asking for? To help you answer that question, turn the topic into a question: "Was the Emancipation Proclamation effective?" Think about what type of information you will need to answer this question.
2. **Ask Yourself Questions** Break down the assignment question you created. How will you determine whether the Emancipation Proclamation was effective? First, you will need to state what the Emancipation Proclamation was. Then you need to decide on the criteria you will use to determine whether it was effective. You can do this by asking questions such as the following: What was the goal of the Emancipation Proclamation? What were the effects of the Emancipation Proclamation? Was the proclamation's goal met? Using the information you gather from the chapter, take a position on whether or not the Emancipation Proclamation was effective, and use specific facts to back up your assertion.
3. **Take Notes** Review the material in Section 3 of your textbook chapter under the red headings "The Emancipation Proclamation" and "African Americans and the War." As you do so, look for the answers to the questions you asked yourself. Use a graphic organizer like the one below to keep track of your answers.

What was the Emancipation Proclamation?	Goal of the Emancipation Proclamation	Effects of the Emancipation Proclamation