

## Unit One: Main Idea

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### Lesson Two: The Emancipation Proclamation

*Read the paragraph and circle the main idea.*

A civil war happened between the northern and southern states. Northerners believed slavery should be abolished (ended). While Southern states believed it was their right to decide whether or not to allow slavery. Southern states grew angry over the debate of slavery and seceded (left) the union to form their own government. Slavery caused tension between the northern and southern states.

3. The main idea of the paragraph is

- A. Slavery caused tension between northern and southern states
- B. Southern states left the union
- C. Slavery was abolished
- D. The civil war was a long war

*Read the paragraph and write the main idea.*

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation freed all slaves in rebellious states. It also gave all slaves in rebellious states the right to fight in the union army. The war would not end for another two years after the emancipation proclamation was issued.

4. What is the main idea?

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