



# Freedom at Antietam

## **The Emancipation Proclamation Announced: September 22, 1862**

As a result of the Union victory at Antietam, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. After it went into effect on January 1, 1863, it freed slaves in the states in rebellion and gave the Union war effort two goals: preserve the Union and end slavery. Finally, four million enslaved Americans had hope a future as free men and women.

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