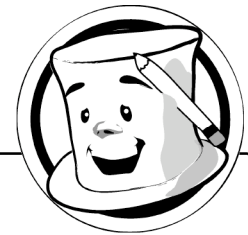


# EXTENDING FREEDOM



On January 1, 1863,  
President Lincoln issued the  
**Emancipation Proclamation**.  
This document said that all  
slaves in the Confederate  
states were free and that  
African Americans could join  
the Union armed forces.

Two years later the  
**13<sup>th</sup> amendment**  
was passed. It freed  
slaves everywhere  
in the United States.



How important is freedom?

Write a poem or  
draw a picture that  
shows what freedom  
means to you.

