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Steven says

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Another document of historical relevance to the United States.

Bogged down by legal prose, it is still poignant and essential to the development of our nation.

Jessica says

Abraham Lincoln proclamation marking the end of slavery in the US is such an important part of history guys like Abe Lincoln have made the world what it is now big believer of equality and anti discrimination. Short but powerful text.

Kimberly Nahoom says

The Emancipation Proclamation is a moving and thought provoking document. It demonstrates a President's conviction to create change for the better good of all people in spite of the opposition of the times. During the Civil Rights movement of the 60's President Lyndon Johnson reminded us that emancipation is still a proclamation and not a fact "until justice is blind to color, until education is unaware of race, until opportunity is unconcerned with color of men's skins." This document has stood the test of time. It was relevant in the 1860's, the 1960's and today. It was the beginning of change and reminds us that we should continue to strive to complete that change, until we as a nation truly believe and demonstrate through our actions that all men are created equal. Everyone should read this important document at least once, including Julie Zieman Childs.

Sheila says

Not sure why Amazon lists all the free kindle versions of this document to be 28 pages long, as it is actually only 5 pages long. The document transcript is also available online at <https://www.archives.gov/exhibits/fea...> and images of the actual five pages of this handwritten document, signed by Abraham Lincoln and William Seward can be viewed at <https://www.archives.gov/exhibits/fea...>

I am currently reading Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln and wanted to read this actual document after reading the chapters where it is heavily mentioned in this book. Always worthwhile to read actual historical documents.

Monster Longe says

The Emancipation Proclamation decreed slavery abolished in the Confederate states that ceded from the Union, and as a condition of their secession the federal government in the north possessed no authority over them. Conversely, the Proclamation granted slavery to exist in the states which practiced it and remained in the Union.

Seeing that this doctrine of liberty's allowance didn't free ONE slave, it's an outstanding piece of (legal) fiction. To give this tripe one star would be far too kind a gesture. It deserves a zero, as in how many people it actually freed from thralldom. Spare me the sentimentality.

Lois says

It's important to understand that this document did not free all enslaved peoples or really ANY enslaved peoples. This only applied to enslaved peoples in rebelling states and not all slave states rebelled. This is a toothless document, written by a racist. I'm tired of it being presented like it had meaning, it didn't.

Karl Geiger says

Four minutes to read, a lifetime to understand its implications.

Essential for any student of American history. The proclamation shifted the war from a conflict about secession and states rights to a moral conflict about human rights.

Luna_Fleuret_Nox says

In a post-Charlottesville society, I think I really needed to read this.
To gain some sense of perspective.

Roy says

I once read the original on display at the National Archives. Four pages of hand-written bureaucratic prose, with careful conditions defined. But I was so impressed with the power of the words that said, after all those conditions were met, that these people SHALL BE FREE. It made me feel good about government work, the idea that as the government works its way through issues, and reaches compromises and works within existing legal constraints, it can still manage to produce world-shaking outcomes. (From time to time)

Andrea says

Wow, reading the short document is a bit different than learning about it in a history class. This document was really a cannon ball across the bow and was a very clever, if somewhat threatening, document putting the confederacy on notice.

Kase Sauvage says

You can hear a powerful, warm voice inside your head as you read. For me, Lincoln's 'voice' is the auditory equivalent to a fine, barrel-aged bourbon. The EP is brief, eloquent, and powerful. It's an hugely important piece of history, but reading it is a pleasure, not a chore.

Chris says

To sum it up the 'Emancipation Proclamation' was a document issued by the United States Government, during the American Civil War, signed by Abraham Lincoln declaring all slaves held by the rebellious southern states to be free.

The document was ground-breaking; instantly setting free hundreds of thousands of black slaves (legally speaking) of course in reality the southern slave holders were not so keen to see their slaves go free.

The proclamation also gave assurances that any slaves who escaped their, now illegal, captivity would be assisted by the US army and navy if they found their way to them. There were also many instances of ordinary white Americans assisting freed slaves escape the clutches of the southerners.

It is wonderful to have free access on the kindle to such an important historical document. As with a previous review of the 'Gettysburg' address my only criticism of this free version of the document is a complete lack of any introduction or background to the document. I had to research all the above information myself.

Chris says

A masterful legal stroke by Lincoln—a testament to his political and strategic genius. This little document helped changed the course of a great war.

John McCorsley says

A MUST READ!

EXCELLENT!!! It has been quite some time since reading this back in jr. high. Unfortunately, we; the "whites" of the USA, have not lived up to the PROMISES MADE to the African Americans in the Emancipation Proclamation.

Even today in 2018 there continues to be PREJUDICE present in America.

EVERYONE needs to read it if you have not read it since jr. high or middle school! And especially, if you never have read it!

Diana says

I have read this before in middle school but re read it for my African American history class. I think I understood it better the second time around.
