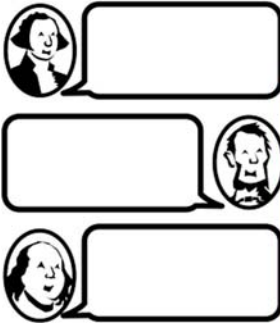


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Presidential Perspectives

Directions: Choose one historical issue below. Prepare and write a short argument **for** and **against** the president's decision. Then select a side and write a final persuasive statement defending your position in the debate.

A. **Emancipation Proclamation** - Abraham Lincoln's decision to free enslaved people in Confederate states during the Civil War.

B. **The New Deal** - Franklin D. Roosevelt's programs to help rebuild the American economy during the Great Depression.

C. **Civil Rights Act of 1964** - Lyndon B. Johnson's efforts to end segregation and discrimination.

Arguments FOR the decision: (Why it was helpful, necessary, or fair)

Arguments AGAINST the decision: (Concerns, disagreements, or negative consequences)

Your Final Stance: Choose a side and write a **5-7 sentence** persuasive statement explaining why the president ultimately made the right decision - or why the decision could have been better.
