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Short Answer Essay S.A.E.

WRITING PROMPT:

Read p93 of **Lincoln A Photobiography**. Why were Northern Democrats **incensed** over the Emancipation Proclamation? Give details of evidence, explaining the viewpoint of Democratic newspapers toward the Emancipation Proclamation.

Many people rejoiced when Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. But many others denounced the president. The proclamation **infuriated** thousands of Northern Democrats who cared nothing about freeing the slaves. They had supported a war to save the Union as it was, with slavery in tact, and they weren’t willing to fight for black liberation.

From all over the North came cries that the president was a tyrant, an abolitionist dictator. Democratic newspapers called the proclamation **unconstitutional,** “A **wicked**, **atrocious**, and **revolting deed**.” When Lincoln’s critics demanded that he change his emancipation policy, he replied: “I am a slow walker, but I never walk backward.”