

## **HIS463/563 - Mapping or Blogging Emancipation Assignment**

The original version of this assignment was a mapping project using StoryMapJS just like you did for the Vicksburg Campaign, and that's still an option. But you also now have the option of writing a 500 to 1000-word blog post about the selected emancipation documents. Whichever assignment you choose, you'll need to provide historical context for the documents you select and feature in your project.

For the mapping assignment, use at least 10 documents. For the blog, I'd feature about 4 or maybe 5 documents, and then really use your 500-to-1000-words to make sure your reader understands how these documents reveal what the Emancipation Proclamation did, the difference between being declared free and what historians refer to as "self-emancipation," or the action of an enslaved person claiming their freedom by running away, purchasing their freedom, or some other action. You'll also want to convey the idea that emancipation was a process, something that evolved during the Civil War.

If you do the mapping assignment, see "Emancipation Mapping Instructions" and follow them as you did the Vicksburg Campaign instructions.

If you do the blog, you'll write your essay in a Word doc and provide links to the letters you choose to feature by hyperlinking the phrase that refers to the document (much like you see done in any blog). If you don't know how to insert a hyperlink into a Word doc, see [here](#). The letters that focus on the process of emancipation or self-emancipation can be found [here](#). If you refer to anything from your assigned readings, you can add a footnote to cite it.

Either version of this assignment is worth 50 points. Your grade will be based mostly on the historical context you provide for the documents and how you use the full assignment to help your viewers understand the historical significance of what they are reading and seeing. You'll also be graded on the clarity of your writing, and basic spelling and grammar. For the blog post, I'll also be considering any class readings you work into your essay (to support points you're making).