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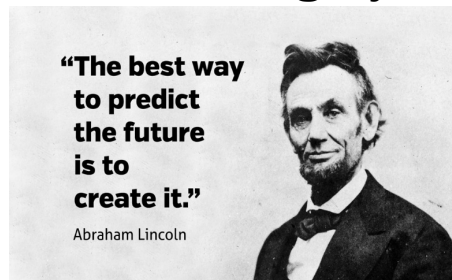
The Emancipation Proclamation

On this day, about five years ago, the late President Lincoln issued one of the biggest, most monumental changes in our country's history, with his Emancipation Proclamation which freed all slaves and abolished slavery for good in our country. Today our team has gone about the country in celebration of the 5 year anniversary of the momentous event, to gather intel and views from American citizens and former slaves to get an understanding of life for them now. All their struggles, freedom and accomplishments they have accomplished in this Reconstruction era.

What Has Changed?

The Emancipation Proclamation's purpose was to free any and all slaves who are being forced to work without pay and from the pain and toils they suffered daily. Along with this, all African American people were legally free, but were they mentally? They could live in America legally

Lincoln's Legacy



The late President Lincoln's goal and view of America was that every man should be free and have the same liberties as every white man or woman. He wanted America to have equal rights for all and for every one to basically live in peace.

The Black Codes

Though this was the new law, blacks still had to face prohibitions such as the Black Codes who some states in the south enforced for the sole purpose of making sure that the blacks knew that they were still not apart of society to the whites. Things like "Do you promise never to marry any woman but one who belongs to the White race?" which were specifically directed at the white race and things that restricted blacks like "...there will be no Negro allowed inside the perimeter of this town

Today's Treatments

We went on a journey around the country, to see what and how black people are treated around these days, and we found that really throughout all these years and the laws that were passed, the treatment really hasn't changed that much. Blacks are still being discriminated against and in an act or attempt to calm down the treatment a reporter said "...you must recognize the abolition of slavery.." and apparently nothing has really changed. Blacks struggle to make themselves apart of society still continue, as whites still refuse to hire blacks, or let them live peacefully among us. As we analyze this paper, we must ask ourselves and reflect and the question may come up "What is freedom and how do we obtain it?"

and not be in fear of being
forced to do hard labor.

unless under direction or is
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