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A. **Introduction:** Restate the question as **Main Idea**

a. Preview of **Point #1**

b. Preview of **Point #2**

B. **Point #1**

a. Idea A (supports/proves **Point #1**)

b. Idea B (supports/proves **Point #1**)

C. **Point #2**

a. **Idea C** (supports/proves **Point #2**)

b. **Idea D** (supports/proves **Point #2**)

D. **Conclusion:** Tells me how you proved **Main Idea**.

a. **Point #1** proves **Main Idea**

b. **Point #2** proves **Main Idea**

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A. Lincoln's view of slavery changed over the course of the Civil War.

a. At the beginning of the war, Lincoln believed that slavery was not the main issue of the war.

b. By the end, Lincoln had come to believe that it was the defining issue of the war.

B. When the war broke out, Lincoln was more concerned with keeping the United States together.

a. He even promised the South as the war was breaking out that He did not intend to destroy slavery where it already existed.

b. He only supported containing it to where it already existed and preventing it from spreading into future states and territories.

C. By the end of the war, Lincoln realized that destroying slavery must be the main purpose of the war if the North was to win.

a. On January 1, 1863, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation ending slavery in all states still in rebellion.

b. He also supported the full inclusion of African-Americans in the military.

D. Therefore, Lincoln's view of slavery matured as the war did.

a. In the beginning, he was just concerned with holding the nation together.

b. However, he came to understand that it was slavery that had torn the country apart.