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Explaining Lincoln's Words

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Directions:
Read President Lincoln's words written to antislavery editor Horace Greeley in August 1862.
On the lines at the bottom of the page tell what Lincoln meant.

If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and if I could do it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that.

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You say you will not fight to free negroes. Some of them seem willing to fight for you; but no matter. Fight you, then, exclusively to save the Union.

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Enlisting black soldiers works doubly, weakening the enemy and strengthening us. It is difficult to say that they are not as good soldiers as any.

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[to George McClellan]

I have just read your dispatch about sore-tongued and fatigued horses. Will you pardon me for asking what the horses of your army have done since the battle of Antietam that fatigues anything?

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