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**Decision-Making Guide for:
“Policies Toward African Americans During The Civil War” (Problem)**

Instructions: In the spaces provided, write responses to the following prompts based on the “Problem” sheet.

Introduction

1. What happened to the country soon after the election of 1860?

2. Who is fighting against whom in the Civil War?

3. Which side lost the first few battles? _____

Decision 1 – War aims

4. Why do abolitionists think this war should be fought and won?

5. Do the abolitionists represent the majority of Northerners? _____

6. Choose one sentence from the text to support your answer for #5

7. What does Congress believe is the purpose of this war?

8. Is this reason (#7) the same as the abolitionists’ reason? _____

9. What are the border states?

10. Do the border states have slaves? _____

11. Are the border states in the Union (North) or the Confederacy (South)?

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12. Who are you (in this decision)? _____

13. What is your decision? (don't just give a number; briefly explain)

14. Explain at least two reasons for your decision.

Decision 2 – African American soldiers

15. What is the opinion of Northern abolitionists regarding African Americans serving in the Northern army?

16. What is the opinion of most Northerners?

17. What is your decision? (don't just give a number; briefly explain)

18. Explain at least one reason for your decision.

Decision 3 – Slaves

Briefly identify each option in the first column. For each option, explain a reason for choosing this option OR a reason you would NOT choose this option.

Option	Reason for choosing	Reason for NOT choosing