Emancipation Proclamation Worksheet

In your own words, give the meaning of each of the following four excerpts from the Emancipation Proclamation:

“I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free…”

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“...and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.”

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“And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense…”

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“And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison, forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.”

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