Video Discussion Questions

**Directions:** Watch the video “In the Time of Robert Smalls.” Then answer the questions below.

1. The narrator says that life for most enslaved people in the South was “brutal and hopeless.” Give two pieces of evidence from the video that support this statement.

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2. What led to the outbreak of the Civil War? What was one positive result of the war? What was one negative result?

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3. What is the mood of the video during the section about the end of slavery (3:54-4:45)? Consider the music, narration, and visuals. How does the mood change at 4:46?

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4. In your own words, describe a main idea of the video “In the Time of Robert Smalls.” What details in the video support this idea?

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