QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Directions: Answer these on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Locate the city of Vicksburg on a map of the United States. Explain the importance of this city to both Confederate and Union forces?
2. Grant’s actions at Vicksburg would convince Lincoln that he had finally found a competent and effective leader. Why had Lincoln been disappointed with his other Union generals?
3. Vicksburg fell to Grant’s forces on July 4, 1863, and Lincoln wrote Grant: “I write this now as a grateful acknowledgment for the almost inestimable service you have done the country.” Why did Lincoln consider this such an important victory and especially on that date?