

### **Tim's Adventure in D.C**

Tim was a man that lived in Washington D.C. When it was his lunch break, he would either drive down or walk around the city. There were many things to discover there. One day, he visited the African American Civil War Memorial. So after he checked a few emails in such he got his lunch bag and headed out the door. It was a nice day that day, a good day for a walk. He passed the Lincoln Theater, the old women eating granola, and his boss, Scott. He finally stepped into the gates of the African American Civil War Memorial.

He set himself down and saw a bronze statue that sat on a granite base that was surrounded by semicircular walls that had many names. Tim knew all these names were the names of the African American soldiers that had fought in the civil war. Tim thought about this when he was getting out his lunch. Like  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the African American soldiers were slaves. The Civil War basically was about slaves. After the industrial revolution, the North wanted to end slavery. The south however, depended on the free labor because they didn't have all these machines. And when Abraham Lincoln was elected, the south thought that would END slavery all together. So that's why South Carolina seceded in the first place. Then that's how the civil war started.

During the beginning of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln fought because he didn't like the union splitting up and starting the confederacy. He thought that was a bad example for the future of the union, states making their own countries whenever they pleased. But on Jan. 1, 1863, He made the Emancipation Proclamation. That's when he realized he wanted to end slavery. That's when African American soldiers were more known. People like Fredrick Douglas convinced slaves to join the Union army.

Then Tim thought to himself, finishing half of his turkey sandwich. All those African American soldiers sacrificed their lives just like any other soldier. So they should get the same respect as white men. Then congress passed the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendment, they did get there rights. They got their freedom, equality, and the right to vote.

He stared at the statue. He started reading the list of names until he saw a little boy with a red balloon look at the statue. He asked his mother what does this statue mean and why was it there. His mother explained how that it showed all the African American Soldiers that were in the civil war. Tim thought that the little boy wouldn't really be interested in the monument and keep playing with his balloon. Surprisingly, the child said maybe he could be mentioned on a statue someday. Tim thought for a second. One important reason that this was established is because, these boys and girls have confidence when they see this statue. Thinking they could do something that would change the world.

Finally, Tim had finished his lunch and it was almost 2:00, so he started walking back to his office since he had to answer this guy that needed a loan. As he walked back he started to think about how this was relevant today. He was glad that the union finally ended slavery because solving the racial issues is quite relevant today. The worlds not all white. Chinese, Japanese, and

Mexican are some examples. Even though the amendments were made, there was still segregation until about 100 years later when it finally ended. He finally reached his office, putting his lunch bag in his mini fridge. He went to his desk turned on his laptop. Another interesting day in D.C.