

## Questions for Scene 4

### FIRST MEETING

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1. President Lincoln mentions that he has followed the journal of Frederick Douglass and has found it helpful. Do some research to discover what this journal included.
2. President Lincoln states that abolition is a federal matter, and Frederick Douglass agrees. What do you think they mean by that?
3. The two men have different ideas about how to pass a bill of emancipation for slaves. How do their ideas differ?
4. What do we learn about the life of Frederick Douglass from this scene?
5. Frederick Douglass uses the famous phrase, “a house divided against itself cannot stand.” Discuss the meaning of this and how it relates to the case for freeing the slaves. How does the President respond? What, to him, is the most important consideration?
6. What common ground do the two men discover as they reflect, each by himself, upon their meeting after its end?