

5596 Praxis Test

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1. Which of the following best describes President Abraham Lincoln's main purpose for making the speech in the excerpt?

*The following is an excerpt from John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939), a novel depicting the plight of migrant workers during the Great Depression. In the passage, Tom Joad and his family have reached a government-sponsored tent camp where many migrant workers have settled. Tom is walking and surveying the camp in the early morning.*

The ground of the street had been swept and sprinkled. From the tents came the snores of sleeping people. The whole camp buzzed and snorted. Tom walked slowly. He neared Number Four Sanitary Unit and he looked at it curiously, an unpainted building, low and rough. Under a roof, but open at the sides, the rows of wash trays. He saw the Joad truck standing near by, and went quietly toward it.

The tarpaulin was pitched and the camp was quiet. As he drew near a figure moved from the shadow of the truck and came toward him.

Ma said softly, "That you, Tom?"

"Yeah."

"Sh!" she said. "They're all asleep. They was tar'd out."

"You ought to be asleep too," Tom said.

- (A) To comfort Union troops on their way to the South
- (B) To explain the purpose of fighting the Civil War
- (C) To announce plans to end slavery in the United States
- (D) To celebrate the final defeat of the Confederacy