

The Gettysburg Address

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Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln

November 19, 1863

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Name - _____ Hour: _____ Due Monday, June 5

Read the Gettysburg Address and watch the video. After, answer the questions below.

<https://dptv.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/867a4314-4a07-44b9-8bd5-50028593eb3d/gettysburg-address/#.WS61xfQrLrc>

The Gettysburg Address is a short, simple speech with deep meaning. Most people thought very little of it because it was so short (the speaker before Lincoln spoke for 2 hours) but history remembers it as one of the greatest speeches of all time. Lets figure out what Lincoln was trying to say that day.

Paragraph 1

1. How long is four score and seven years?
 - A. What happened four score and seven years ago (the speech was made in 1863)?
 - B. What is Lincoln talking about in the first paragraph?

Paragraph 2

2. What does Lincoln say they are now engaged in and why?
 - A. Why are they now at this battlefield?

Paragraph 3

3. Why does Lincoln feel they cannot dedicate or consecrate this ground?
 - A. What does Lincoln say the world must not forget?
 - B. What is the task that the living must now take up?
4. What is the message that Lincoln is trying to deliver with the Gettysburg Address?