***“The Gettysburg Address”* by Abraham Lincoln**

**November 19, 1863**

*During the Civil War, the Battle of Gettysburg was a defeat for the Confederacy and resulted in many casualties from both sides. Following this major battle, President Abraham Lincoln was asked to speak at a ceremony dedicating a cemetery on a portion of the battlefield. Lincoln’s speech was short and powerful, and has become one of the most famous speeches of modern times.*

FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

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 battlefield 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 cannot dedicate--we cannot consecrate--we cannot 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.

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**Guiding Questions (20 points)**

**TASK #1:** Read the speech “The Gettysburg Address” by Abraham Lincoln using the reader’s notes below for better comprehension.

Reader’s Notes

* Gettysburg, PA is located about 80 miles north of Washington, D.C.
* 1 score = 20 years
* **Nation**- emphasizes what is at stake in the war.
* **Conceived**- to form or develop in the mind; devise
* **Detract**- to take away from
* **Consecrate**- to dedicate as sacred
* In lines 18-21: Lincoln calls the audience to dedicate (or devote) themselves to the cause--- ending the Civil War and giving equality to all men.
* **Resolve-** to decide or become determined
* **Perish-** to die or come to an end
* **Rhetoric**- the art of using speciﬁc words

🡪 Rhetorical device #1: **Repetition-** repeating words for emphasis, to advance a purpose.

🡪 Rhetorical device #2: **Parallel structure**- Lincoln uses a grammatical pattern to create

rhythm and to evoke emotion (hope, pride) in the audience (ex. *"of the people,*

*by the people, for the people")*

**TASK #2:** Make at least 8 annotations on the text of the this speech (8 points)

- vocabulary

- important facts

- thoughts

- literary devices

- personal connections

- questions

**TASK #3:** Answer questions #1-12 accurately on the following quiz. (12 points)

**BONUS QUESTION:** Re-read lines 1–3: How many years had passed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence? Do the math! (2 points)

**\*VIDEO:** The Gettysburg Address (*The Civil War* - Ken Burns) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCXUbQ4JjXI>