

The Gettysburg Address

Name: _____

Directions:

- Read *Cornerstones of Freedom: The Gettysburg Address*.
- Answer each question in complete sentences.

Note: You will be held accountable for correct spelling and punctuation.

Questions	Answers
Who were the candidates for president in 1860?	
Describe Abraham Lincoln's stance on slavery in 1840.	
List the states that seceded from the United States in 1861.	
What event important to the Civil War occurred in the summer of 1863?	
What Union General worked to stop General Lee?	
Describe in at least four sentences, what happened at the Battle of Gettysburg?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••••
Why was the Battle of Gettysburg important?	
How many casualties were there in the North as a result of Gettysburg?	

What was done at Cemetery Ridge by David Wills?	
Who spoke at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery?	
Why did Lincoln work so hard on his speech?	
To what date does "four score and seven years ago" refer?	
What were some issues Lincoln addressed in his Gettysburg address?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • •
Why do you think Lincoln made three copies of his speech after he spoke at Gettysburg?	
How do you think Lincoln felt about his speech? What evidence do you have that makes you feel this way?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •

Challenge:

Many students throughout the last century have memorized Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address." It is an important work with a powerful message that helps define who we Americans are as people. Think about the words Lincoln spoke on that day. Say them aloud to yourself, putting emphasis where you believe Lincoln might have. As an example, consider these lines:

“. . . and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Which words should be emphasized? It is common to stress "of," "by," and "for." Try saying the sentence with those words emphasized. Now say the sentence aloud, this time emphasizing the word, "people." Can you hear the difference?

Reread Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," underlining words you believe a speaker should emphasize. Then, memorize the speech to present to your class. This is a big challenge, but one you will be glad you accepted!