



Historical Speech

The Gettysburg Address

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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.

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Comment [1]: 87 years ago

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Comment [2]: Start of the United States

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.

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Comment [3]: The preceding war could tear most countries apart

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Comment [4]: The dead made it possible for the living country to advance

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.

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Comment [5]: The soldier's blood is the real life-blood of the nation

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Comment [6]: The sacrifice of the soldiers and their families

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Comment [7]: We should never forget what they fought for

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Comment [8]: We, as a nation, should follow the armistice to honor the fallen

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Comment [9]: Follow the laws so our nation may continue

Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863



Government Issues During this Time...

- Government divided between North and South
- Representatives divided on course of the country
- Industrial Revolution
- Southern Secession

Social Issues During this Time...

- Victors wanted to heal ill will
- Abolitionists wanted to end slavery
- South wanted stronger state governments with weaker Federal government

Economy During this Time...

- Civil War was costly and a burden to the country's coffers
- Taxation and a controlling government were major issues of the war
- Industrial Revolution replaces an Agricultural Economy
- Southern Economy struggled throughout the war—more people lived in the north

Technology/Health Issues During this Time...

- Industrial Revolution
- Repeating Rifle and Submarine
- Railroad and Telegraph
- Amputations, Anesthesia Inhaler, Closing Chest Wounds, Facial Reconstruction, Ambulance to ER Medical System