

The Gettysburg Address



1. When Lincoln refers to four score and seven years ago, what year does he mean?

2. What was written in the year that was four score and seven years ago?

3. The second paragraph says that the Civil War is testing whether our nation can endure. What does that mean?

4. Lincoln said that the ground at Gettysburg was consecrated, dedicated, hallowed. This means it is holy or sacred. Who made the ground at Gettysburg like that?

5. What were they dedicating at Gettysburg (what were they turning the battlefield into)?

6. What one thing was Lincoln wrong about in his speech?

7. The Gettysburg Address was given in November of 1863. The battle of Gettysburg was fought in July of 1863. How many months had passed between the two events?

8. What did Lincoln want the people to remember about Gettysburg? (Look at the part of the sentence that starts with the words, “ it can never forget...”)

9. What does it mean that our nation is “under God”?

10. In the last part of his speech, Lincoln says that “government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth”. He is referring to the Constitution and that it begins with the words...

We the _____. What is the missing word?

11. What is your impression of Lincoln’s speech?

12. Analyze the photo at the top of this assignment. Can you spot President Lincoln? For extra points, research the history of the photo in order to discover its significance.