

The Gettysburg Address Matching Activity

Directions: Read each line from the text of the *Gettysburg Address* on the left and match its number to the correct concept explanation on the right.

Line Number	Line from the Address	Explanation	Insert Line Number
1	<i>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.</i>	The reason Lincoln traveled to the Gettysburg battlefield.	
2	<i>Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.</i>	This statement describes when the United States formed and the principle it was based on.	
3	<i>We are met on a great battle-field of that war.</i>	What does Lincoln feel the people cannot do to honor the dead?	
4	<i>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.</i>	Where did Lincoln and his audience meet when he made the speech?	
5	<i>It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.</i>	What does Lincoln feel the world will little note nor long remember but should not forget?	
6	<i>But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground.</i>	What is the “great task” remaining before the people to honor those who died at Gettysburg?	
7	<i>The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.</i>	What was the purpose of the Civil War?	
8	<i>The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.</i>	What does Lincoln feel the men who fought at Gettysburg did to honor the battlefield on which they fought?	
9	<i>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.</i>	What are Lincoln’s feelings about dedicating a cemetery at Gettysburg?	
10	<i>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—</i>	What is Lincoln’s hope for the nation after the Civil War?	
11	<i>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.</i>	What does Lincoln feel the living should be dedicated to?	

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