



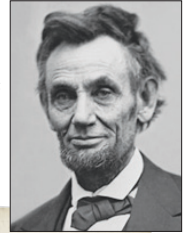
ABRAHAM LINCOLN and his Union generals

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PRIMARY SOURCE

The Gettysburg Address

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Fourscore 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.

VOCABULARY

Place the letter of the vocabulary word on the line next to its definition. Write a sentence using each word.

- A. Infrastructure ___ 1. The ability to endure difficulty without complaint
- B. Casualties ___ 2. Without hesitation, forcing an outcome
- C. Competent ___ 3. In the armed forces
- D. Rout ___ 4. Those who came before
- E. Fiasco ___ 5. The act of leaving military duty without intention to return
- F. Enlisted ___ 6. Bridges, tracks, and other supporting structures
- G. Protest ___ 7. To try to stop something by expressing strong disapproval
- H. Patience ___ 8. Properly qualified or capable
- I. Decisive ___ 9. Loss in numerical strength through death, wounds, sickness, capture, or desertion
- J. Predecessors ___ 10. Disorderly retreat following defeat
- K. Desertion ___ 11. A complete failure



The three-day battle at Gettysburg resulted in mass casualties on the Union and Confederate sides with an estimated 51,000 soldiers missing, wounded or killed in the battle. Photo National Archives.

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