

77: Gettysburg Address	Questions and Answers
<p>Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the <b>proposition</b> that all men are created equal.</p>	<p><b>Proposition</b> – idea /plan   <b>Score</b> - 20 years 1) Who and What is Lincoln referencing here?</p>
<p>Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so <b>conceived</b> and so dedicated, can long <b>endure</b>. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to <b>dedicate</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Conceived</b> – created   <b>Endure</b> – survive <b>Dedicate</b> – offer /give / consecrate 2) What is being tested during the Civil War?  3) Why are they gathered here on the battlefield?</p>
<p>But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot <b>consecrate</b>—we cannot <b>hallow</b>—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have <b>consecrated</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Consecrate</b> and <b>hallow</b>: bless, make sacred, hallow 4) What did the men buried in the cemetery do? Why will they never be forgotten?</p>
<p>It is for us the living, rather, to be <b>dedicated</b> here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.</p> <p>It is rather for us to be here <b>dedicated</b> 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 <b>resolve</b> 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 <b>perish</b> from the earth.</p>	<p><b>Dedicated</b>: committed; faithful to <b>Resolve</b>: decide, determine <b>Perish</b>: die, pass away  5) What should “we” the listeners and readers across the country be doing?</p>
<p>How will the United States of America change if the Union wins the war? What will be different?</p>	

