

The Gettysburg Address
Abraham Lincoln

1. Define the word “score” and then do the math that Lincoln is talking about. What year is he referring to?

- Definition:
- Year:

2. On the back of this paper, paraphrase each of the ten sentences of this speech. Basically, translate this speech into modern language but keeping all of the main ideas.

3. State the two main purposes of this speech. Next to each purpose, write at least the beginning of each quote that shows that purpose. (The quotes need not be the entire sentences, but they should be long enough to show that purpose). Finally, put a star next to the purpose that is most important to Lincoln.

- Purpose 1:
- Quote:

- Purpose 2:
- Quote:

3. What text does Lincoln allude to in the opening paragraph? What reason would he have to include this allusion?

- Allusion:
- Reason:

4. The first and last sentence of the Gettysburg Address help the speech to begin and end on a similar idea. What idea are they both dealing with? How are the ideas slightly different? Finally, what is Lincoln's reason for beginning and ending that way?

- Similar idea:
- How they're different from each other:
- Reason for beginning/ending that way:

5. There is one statement that Lincoln makes in his Gettysburg Address that, while it was not intended to be, is very ironic. Write the sentence that is so ironic and explain why it's ironic.

- Quote:
- Explanation:

6. Evaluate the speech's effectiveness. Keeping in mind Lincoln's main purpose for the speech, is it effective? Explain your answer.

Paraphrases

Paragraph 1

1.

Paragraph 2

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Paragraph 3

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