

The Gettysburg(/'getiz,bə:g/ 葛底斯堡) Address(/ə'drɛs/ 演讲) by President Lincoln

Fourscore(/'for'skor/ 八十) and seven years ago our fathers brought forth(产生) on this continent(/'kɒntinənt/ 大陆) a new nation, conceived(/kən'sivd/ 构思) in liberty(/'lɪbə-ti/ 自由) and dedicated(/[dɛdə'ketɪd/ 专注的) to the proposition(/,prəpə'zɪʃən/ 主题) that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged(/ɪn'gedʒd/ 忙碌的) in a great civil(/'sɪvl/ 公民的) war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure(/ɪn'dʊr/ 持续).

We are met on a great battlefield(/'bætlfɪld/ 战场) of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion(/'pɔːʃən/ 命运) of that field(/fɪld/ 战场) as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper(/'prɒpə/ 适当的) that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate(/'kɒnsɪkreɪt/ 使神圣), we cannot hallow(/'hæləʊ/ 把...视为神圣) this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled(/'strʌɡld/ 奋斗) here have consecrated(/'kənsə,kreɪtɪd/ 使...神圣) it far above our poor power to add or detract(/dɪ'trækt/ 减去).

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(/'nɒbli/ 崇高地) 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(/ɪn'kriːst/ 增强的) devotion(/dɪ'vɒʃən/ 献身) to that cause(/kaʊz/ 事业) for which they gave the last full measure(/'mɛʒə/ 程) of devotion--that we here highly resolve(/ɪ'zɒlv/ 决心) that these dead shall not have died in vain(/ven/ 徒劳的), 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(/'perɪʃ/ 死亡) from the earth.