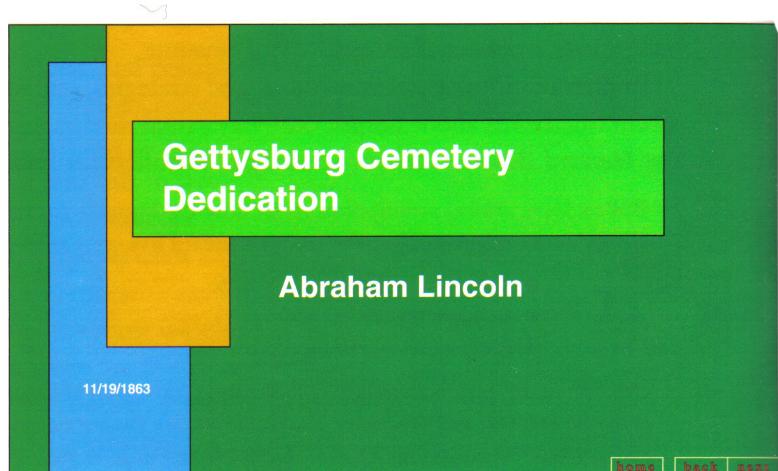


The Gettysburg PowerPoint Presentation

The PP cognitive style is so distinctive and peculiar that presentations relying on standard ready-made templates sometimes appear as over-the-top parodies instead of the sad realities they are. Here is an intentional and ferocious parody: imagine Abraham Lincoln had used PowerPoint at Gettysburg....

*Um, my name is Abraham Lincoln and, um,
I must now reboot . . .*

As we see in the Organizational Overview slide, 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. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. Next slide please. 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. Next slide please. 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



This slide is titled "Gettysburg Cemetery Dedication" and features a green header bar. Below the title, the text "Abraham Lincoln" is displayed. A blue vertical bar on the left contains the date "11/19/1863". A yellow vertical bar is positioned between the blue bar and the main content area. The main content area is a solid green color.



This slide is titled "Organizational Overview" and features a green header bar. To the right of the title is a bar chart. The x-axis is labeled "Years" and has two points: "-87" and "Now". The y-axis ranges from 0 to 1 with increments of 0.1. A single pink bar is shown at the "Now" position, reaching a value of approximately 0.95. A legend indicates the bar represents "New Nations". A blue vertical bar on the left contains the date "11/19/1863". A yellow vertical bar is positioned between the blue bar and the chart. The main content area is a solid green color.



This slide is titled "Agenda" and features a green header bar. Below the title is a bulleted list of three items, each preceded by a yellow square icon. The list includes: "Met on battlefield (great)", "Dedicate portion of field - fitting!", and "Unfinished work (great tasks)". A blue vertical bar on the left contains the date "11/19/1863". A yellow vertical bar is positioned between the blue bar and the list. The main content area is a solid green color.