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1. Why was the South opposed to Abraham Lincoln becoming president?

   Ⓐ He wanted to build factories in the South.

   Ⓑ The people of the South believed he would eventually end slavery.

   Ⓒ He wanted the Southern states to secede from the United States.

   Ⓓ The people of the South believed he was a poor speaker.

2. One month after Abraham Lincoln became president, _____.

   Ⓐ the Civil War began

   Ⓑ he gave the Gettysburg Address

   Ⓒ the Civil War ended

   Ⓓ the South surrendered

3. Read the following sentence about the president: *Though his speech was* **concise,** *Lincoln gave careful thought to his words on that solemn day.* What does the word **concise** mean?

   Ⓐ a battle that was lost

   Ⓑ an official declaration to begin the war

   Ⓒ using as few words as possible

   Ⓓ a speech spoken at a cemetery

4. Among all the battlefields of the Civil War, why did President Lincoln speak at the battlefield at Gettysburg?

   Ⓐ People wrote to the president and requested he speak there.

   Ⓑ It was where the battle was that ended the war.

   Ⓒ It was where President Lincoln's hometown was.

   Ⓓ It was being dedicated as a national cemetery.

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5. What happened after Lincoln's speech that day in 1863?

   Ⓐ The Civil War officially ended.

   Ⓑ The Battle of Gettysburg began.

   Ⓒ The war continued for another year and a half.

   Ⓓ The South decided to surrender.

6. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?

   Ⓐ to explain the Gettysburg Address within the context of the Civil War

   Ⓑ to describe what slavery means

   Ⓒ to help readers understand Civil War strategy

   Ⓓ to persuade readers that the South should have won

7. Why did Edward Everett speak at Gettysburg?

   Ⓐ He represented the South.

   Ⓑ He wanted to run for president.

   Ⓒ He was a popular and well-known speaker.

   Ⓓ He had fought in the Battle of Gettysburg.

8. When Lincoln spoke of the "great task ahead," what did he mean?

   Ⓐ starting a Civil War

   Ⓑ writing the Gettysburg Address

   Ⓒ getting reelected for presidency

   Ⓓ ending slavery

9. Read this sentence: ***Brevity** often affects us more powerfully than long-windedness.* What does **brevity** mean?

   Ⓐ rousing people to violence

   Ⓑ expressing something in few words

   Ⓒ comforting people who are sad

   Ⓓ humorous and making people smile

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10. Which of the following would be considered an opinion?

- Ⓐ More men died at Gettysburg than in any other Civil War battle.

- Ⓑ President Lincoln was not the only speaker at the Gettysburg battlefield.

- Ⓒ The Gettysburg Address is the most inspiring speech of all time.

- Ⓓ There are five different versions of the Gettysburg Address.

11. Extended Response: Explain in your own words why President Lincoln spent so much time writing such a short speech.

12. Extended Response: What do you think would have happened to the United States if President Lincoln and Edward Everett never spoke at the Soldiers' National Cemetery the day the Gettysburg Address was given? What effect would this have had on the United States?

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*

2. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*

3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*

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5. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*

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8. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*

9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*

10. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*

11. Answers will vary but should include any conclusions drawn from the book, such as the following: *President Lincoln wanted to leave an impact on the people of the United States. He thought a short, influential speech would result in a lasting impression.*

12. Answers will vary but should include an explanation of how the United States would be different and cite evidence from the book to support that reasoning.