

Quick Check

The Gettysburg Address

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why didn't the South want Abraham Lincoln to become 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 phrase from the Gettysburg Address: *conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the **proposition** that all men are created equal.* What does the word **proposition** mean?
 - Ⓐ a way to declare war
 - Ⓑ an official declaration to end the war
 - Ⓒ an idea to be thought about
 - Ⓓ to lessen the importance of something
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: *Although only ten sentences long, the Gettysburg Address is considered one of the most **inspiring** speeches in American history.* What does **inspiring** mean?
 - Ⓐ rousing people to violence
 - Ⓑ encouraging people to act
 - Ⓒ 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 the Battle of Gettysburg was so important.

12. **Extended Response:** Do you think a great speech can inspire people, even all people of a nation, to change their thinking and their actions? Explain.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Sequence Events
3. Ⓒ Vocabulary
4. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
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6. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
7. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
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: *more soldiers died in the battle than in any other, it halted the Southern advance, it became the site of the first national cemetery, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary according to personal experiences and opinions but may include examples from the book regarding Lincoln's address and famous speeches given by other historical figures such as Martin Luther King Jr.