The Gettysburg Address

by Abraham Lincoln

A Scholarly Edition

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# Publisher’s Note

This document was laid out in Microsoft Word and saved as a PDF file using Microsoft Word’s built-in Save as PDF function. Paragraph text is in 11-point Times New Roman font. Primary headings are **in 16-point bold.** Secondary headings are *italicized.*

# Introduction

In the first three days of July in 1863, during the depths of America’s civil war, “[a]n estimated 51,000 soldiers were killed, wounded, captured, or listed as missing after the Battle of Gettysburg.”[[1]](#endnote-1) In November, President Abraham Lincoln traveled by train from Washington to Gettysburg on the 18th, probably having begun a draft of his address prior to the journey, on White House stationary.[[2]](#endnote-2) Probably suffering from symptoms of smallpox infection, Lincoln continued his written remarks on some other paper.[[3]](#endnote-3)

Lincoln had been invited to the consecration of the national Gettysburg Cemetary(fix caps and formal name here) that day in order to “formally set apart these grounds to their sacred use by a few appropriate remarks.”[[4]](#endnote-4) The day’s program included music, an opening prayer and benediction, an oration by Everett (who is he? cite), and Lincoln’s remarks (list as cited in program).

Speaking before a crowd of around 15,000 (cite?), Lincoln’s short remarks would become known as the “Gettysburg Address” and would become popularly regarded as one of the finest pieces of oration in America’s history (cite?).

# Note on the Texts/Textual Note (?)

-Hay copy

-Nicolay copy

-Everett copy

-Monument inscription

-NYT printing

-other?

estimated 15,000 at address…

newspapers printed and circulation?

memorial ~ 7million visitors/year? [source](https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/05/15-most-visited-national-landmarks-in-washington-dc/451941/)

# The Texts

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1. https://www.civilwar.org/learn/civil-war/battles/battle-gettysburg-facts-summary [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. maybe? cite? [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. cite both of these, smallpox and continuation of remarks on different paper [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Wills [↑](#endnote-ref-4)