

Process: Gettysburg Address Analysis

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Directions: Answer the questions that follow the quote excerpts from Abraham Lincoln's speech- November 19, 1863.

"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."

1. What document is Lincoln referring to in this excerpt?

"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 advanced."

1. What does Lincoln mean in the first sentence?

2. What does Lincoln mean by "unfinished work?"

"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain-that this nation will have a new birth of freedom-and that government of the people, by the people, shall not perish from the earth."

1. Why does Lincoln say the nation will have a "new birth of freedom?"

2. What type of government is Lincoln referring to?