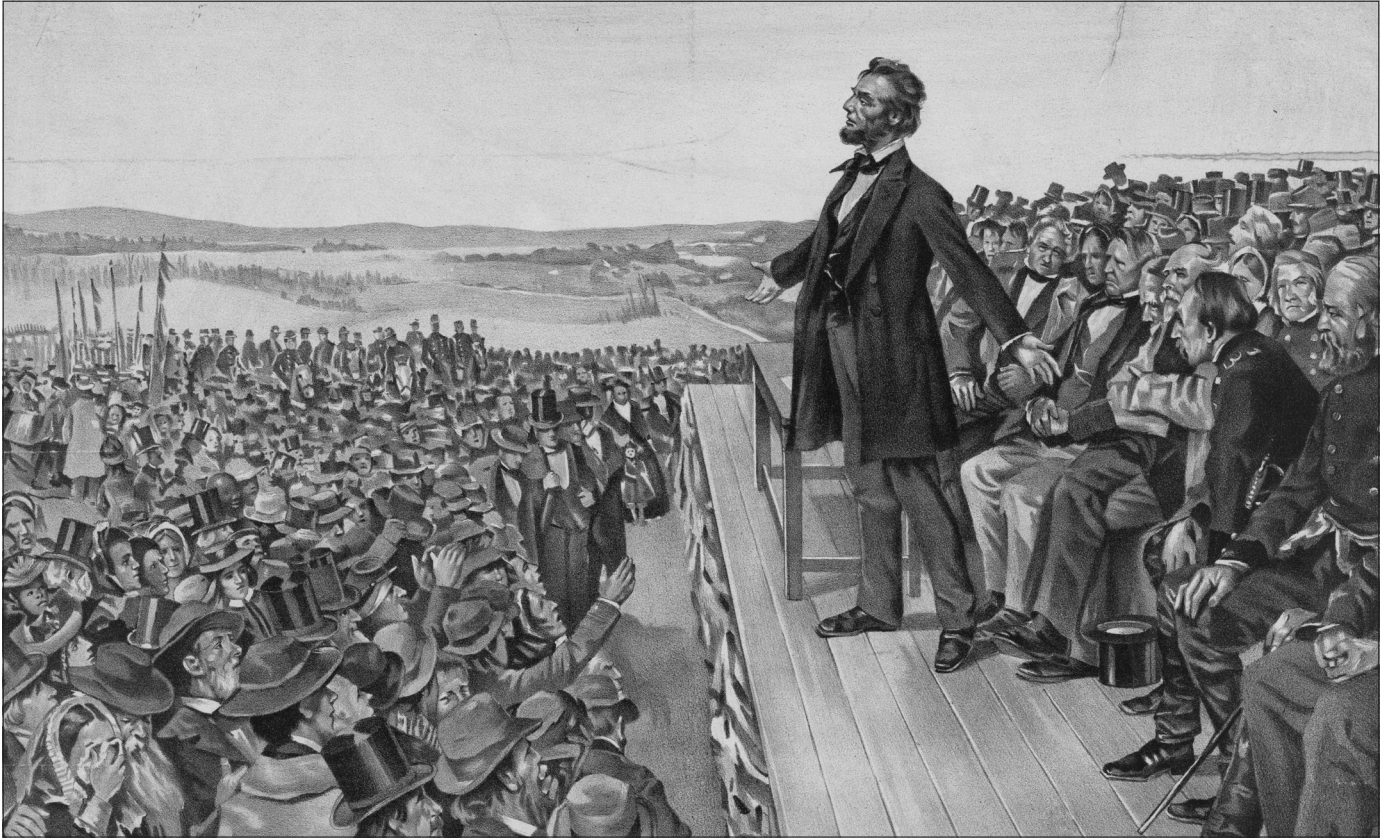




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# Lincoln Delivering the Gettysburg Address

## Historical Background Information

After the Battle of Gettysburg, the town's residents faced a grim task. They had to clean up the bloodiest battle of the Civil War. Between October 1863 and March 1864, the Union dead were moved to the new Soldiers' National Cemetery. At the dedication of the new cemetery, President Abraham Lincoln gave the famous Gettysburg Address. In his short speech, he restated the Union's purpose in the Civil War—to save the United States of America. He also reaffirmed the nation's mission—to provide equality for all people.



## Analyzing History

### Remembering

Write a two-sentence caption for the photograph.

### Understanding

Design a formal invitation to the Soldiers' National Cemetery dedication.

### Applying

Bands played and a glee club sang at the dedication ceremony. What two modern songs would have been appropriate for the event?

### Analyzing

Mrs. Lincoln asked her husband not to go to Gettysburg because their son was very sick. Imagine you are Lincoln. Write a letter to your wife explaining why you must go.

### Evaluating

Confederate soldiers who died at Gettysburg were not buried in the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Do you think this was the right thing to do? Explain your answer.

### Creating

President Lincoln made the trip to Gettysburg even though his son was sick, his wife was hysterical, and Lincoln was coming down with smallpox. What does this say about Lincoln's character? Find a creative way to express your ideas.

## Historical Writing

### Fiction

Imagine that you attended the dedication ceremony. Write a journal entry about the event in great detail. Include your observations and opinions.

### Nonfiction

Write a news story about the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery.

## History Challenge

Read at least three first hand accounts of people who saw the aftermath of Gettysburg. Write a report comparing and contrasting these accounts.