DIRECTION STEPS:

A. Read the GETTYSBURG ADDRESS found below.
B. ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER: For each word or phrase that I underlined and made bold look-up and explain the meaning in YOUR own words. Look up any words that you do not have an expert knowledge of. If you “kinda” or “sorta” know the meaning of a word – LOOK IT UP until you find a definition you TOTALLY understand and then WRITE IT OUT!!! DO NOT SKIP ANY OR LEAVE ANY THING BLANK! Use reliable sources like a dictionary.
C. Now look up any additional words you do not have an expert knowledge of and do the same thing you did in STEP B above.

Abraham Lincoln's GETTYSBURG ADDRESS (speech) from November 19, 1863:

1. Four **score** and seven years ago our fathers **brought forth** on this continent, a new nation, 
2. **conceived** in Liberty, and **dedicated** to the **proposition** that all men are created equal.
3. Now we are **engaged** in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so 
4. conceived and so dedicated, can long **endure**.
5. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that 
6. field, as a **final resting place** for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is 
7. altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.
8. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not **consecrate** -- we can not **hallow** -- 
9. this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far 
10. above our poor power to add or **detract**.
11. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what 
12. they did here.
13. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought 
14. here have thus far so **nobly** advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task 
15. remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased **devotion** to that cause 
16. for which they gave the **last full measure** of devotion -- that we here **highly resolve** that these 
17. dead shall not have died in **vain** -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of 
18. freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not **perish** 
19. from the earth.
Abraham Lincoln’s GETTYSBURG ADDRESS continued.... ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

DIRECTIONS: You are to analyze the meaning of the Gettysburg Address by using the unusual way I outlined it on Ditto #28 A.

I. Answer the questions listed below in complete sentences by using R-A-D-I-O. Use a clean piece of binder paper. Write an answer for every question – DO NOT SKIP any – take a guess.

II. Look up any words that you do not have an expert knowledge of. If you “kinda” or “sorta” know the meaning of a word – LOOK IT UP until you find a definition you TOTALLY understand and then WRITE IT OUT!!! Again – DO NOT LEAVE ANY THING BLANK!

A. Using lines #1 and #2 from the Gettysburg Address found on Ditto #28A answer the following questions:
   1) What was the year Lincoln was talking about when he said: “four score and seven years ago”? Do the math by subtracting from 1863 because 1863 is the year of this speech.
   2) What is the full name of the nation that was brought forth on this continent in that year?
   3) Explain why Lincoln is correct in saying that that nation was “conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” Look words up you don’t understand.

B. Using lines #3 and #4 from Ditto #28A answer the following questions –
   1) When Lincoln said, “testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure”
      i. List two (2) TESTS America needs to pass that you think Lincoln may be referring to when he used the term “testing”.
      ii. Briefly explain what you think are the CAUSES of the two (2) tests you listed above.
      iii. What do you think America has to do to pass this test? Explain what your answer means.
   2) What is Lincoln afraid might happen to the USA?
   3) Based on the answer you just wrote for the last question – what does Lincoln fear might happen to any nation that tries to dedicate itself to democracy and inalienable rights?

C. Using lines #5 - #7 of the Gettysburg Address found on Ditto #28A answer the following questions –
   1) What kind of field is Lincoln standing on while he is making his famous speech?
   2) Lincoln gives a motivating reason behind why the soldiers were willing to die or, as he wrote: “gave their lives”, during the battle at Gettysburg, Pa. Explain what that reason was. Don’t just give me Lincoln’s own words but explain what he is saying.
   3) Lincoln and those gathered at Gettysburg are dedicating a portion of the battlefield to become – WHAT?

D. Using lines #8 - #10 According to LINES #8 - #10 what is Lincoln saying he and his audience cannot accomplish? EXPLAIN why not.

E. Using lines #13 - #19 of the Gettysburg Address found on the front of this page answer the following questions –
   1) What do you think is the “unfinished work” Lincoln wants “us the living” Americans to be dedicated to?
   2) When Lincoln said this: “that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” What is he talking about? Explain this selection’s entire meaning – be complete.

F. ALL LINES: What are three (3) or more “tests” the Civil War was putting the USA through?