

Gettysburg Summarizer

DETERMINING IMPORTANCE

Directions: As you read, determine how the information is organized. Determine the information from each section that you believe is most important, and then reflect/respond/or react to the passage you've selected.

Section/Paragraph	Important Info	Reflection/Respond/React with a Question	WHY?!
<p>(1)"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.</p> <p>(2)Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war.</p> <p>(3)We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.</p> <p>But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground.</p> <p>(4)The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."</p>	<p>(1) "Four score and seven years ago", meaning 87 years</p> <p>(2)They're in the war and although he knows war in a country divides the people, but he also knows the country will recover from this rough time.</p> <p>(3)He acknowledges and shows respect to those who gave their lives in sake of their country.</p> <p>(4)He is saying that they have gathered to show their respect and offer the land to the men that died there and make it "holy", but the men that died there made it holy by simply giving their lives being on the field.</p>	<p>(1)Why not just say 87 years ago?</p> <p>(2)How does he plan to help his country get through the war?</p> <p>(3)What does he do to ensure that those who died get the respect they deserve from the people?</p> <p>(4)It was very important for him to show the amount of respect he did during this time considering the events that took place. How did the people react to Lincoln when he declared the land "holy"?</p>	<p>He introduces the country in which the war has taken place, leading him to talk about the civil war. (He does this because he has to formally address his people about the war at hand.)</p> <p>He talks about the people that gave their lives throughout most of his speech and this shows his unruling respect and gratitude towards them.</p> <p>He then makes it clear that they will not be forgotten after giving their lives to ensure the liberty of the country. He wants to make it a</p>

			<p>“task” for the country to see the battlefield as a holy place. The men who died there made the place sacred.</p>
<p>(1)“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. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us (2)-- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain (3)-- 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.”</p>	<p>(1)He’s explaining that it is up to them to repay the lost men for the price they payed and the risks they took for the people.</p> <p>(2)He is saying it is their task to honor those who gave their life to fight for them. They should not be forgotten fue to the ultimate deed they have done for their country.</p>	<p>(1)Why does he say “unfinished work”? What is there to be finished?</p> <p>(3)I like that he mentions “this nation, under God” because this shows he has hope that the country will be united again. Why does he emphasize the people of the country briefly at the end after dedicating the entire speech to those who lost his life?</p>	