

## Social Science Example

**Connections:**

I already know that the Civil War was between the North and South.

**Questions:** Is Lincoln

referring to America's Founding Fathers?

### The Gettysburg Address

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.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here have given their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

**Determining Importance:**

The major idea here is many men died for freedom, and we can't take it for granted.

**Visualizing:** I can just see

Lincoln's sad eyes and feel his pain.

**Inferring:**

I infer that Lincoln was a humble man who may not have thought his speech would be famous.

**Monitoring and Clarifying:**

Do I understand what I am reading?

**Synthesizing:** The

Revolutionary War and the Civil War were about equality and freedom.

**Summary:** Lincoln wanted to end the Civil War and to sustain the freedoms that our nation was founded on 87 years earlier. But he acknowledged that his words could not express the value of freedom as much as the lives of those who died at Gettysburg protecting freedom. So, President Lincoln's speech challenges all Americans to devote themselves to protecting our democracy and not take freedom for granted.

