

Listening Guide- The Gettysburg Address- Abraham Lincoln

“The Great Task Remaining Before Us”

1. The _____ Memorial has become the most visited location in the United States Nation’s capital.
2. The Battle of _____ was the bloodiest engagement in the entire Civil War.
3. On November 19, _____, the day Lincoln delivered these words, he got up to speak, and began to read his two-minute speech very slowly; however, he was interrupted five times by spontaneous applause.
4. “Lamon, that speech won't scour! It is a flat _____ and the people are disappointed.”
5. A better judge would be the opinion of the keynote _____ of the event, and that would be Edward Everett- the man universally considered the undisputed, greatest orator of his generation.
6. Lincoln was in favor of preserving the _____, not splitting it up.
7. He was also in favor of _____ emancipation.
8. On December 20, 1860, a special convention in South Carolina unanimously voted to _____ from the Union.
9. Lincoln’s election is going to mark the first time that a president had been elected without the vote of a single _____ state.
10. You know in 1860, there weren’t _____ around world.
11. Spain and _____ had both had democratic uprisings that failed.
12. The belief was that regular people were not _____ enough, not informed enough, not disciplined enough to rule themselves.
13. The Spanish ambassador wrote back to Queen Isabella, “The Union is in agony and our mission is not to delay its _____.”
14. If Jefferson and Washington can be called the _____ of the American experiment, which they are, Lincoln led the country to make the personal sacrifices to really establish that.
15. Well in 1861, Lincoln did become the _____ president of the United States.
16. He had given African Americans equality under _____ law.

17. The Southern states were in rebellion, and because of that, the North had the right to seize _____ as a wartime concession.
18. The Battle of Gettysburg would be in July after that _____ Proclamation.
19. Lee believed that a quick strike victory in a northern state would really fuel that _____, Copperhead Movement.
20. Well, after three days of fighting, the Confederates have lost _____ men and the Union have lost 28,000.
21. 12 Southern states and _____ northern states sent troops to Gettysburg.
22. At the time there was an estimated _____ deaths out of a population of 31 million.
23. “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 _____.”
24. 1 out of every 4 Union soldier was a first-generation _____.
25. “That speech, uttered at the field of Gettysburg...and now sanctified by the _____ of its author, is a monumental act.”
26. “... and that government of the _____, by the _____, for the _____, shall not perish from the earth.”
27. We know he said “under _____” because it was in the transcripts and in the copies made later, but it was not in the original version of the text.
28. “_____ score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation.”
29. And when President Barack _____ got up to give his first inaugural address in 2009, he references Gettysburg.
30. Today, almost _____ the countries of the world are democracies of some sort.