Section One: 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.

- 1. What happened eighty-seven years ago?
- 2. Is there a reference to slavery here? Explain.
- 3. Where does the quote "all men are created equal" come from?
- 4. Why did Lincoln use this quote?

Section 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 battlefield of that war. 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.

- 5. How did Lincoln present the present problem?
- 6. What was the test?
- 7. What is the occasion?
- 8. What was the mood?
- 9. What was Lincoln's purpose in this speech?

Section 3: But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. 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.

- 10. How did Lincoln honor the dead?
- 11. How does he express humility?
- 12. Was Lincoln's prediction in the bolded sentence come true? Explain.

Section 4: 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—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—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.

- 13. How does Lincoln challenge his audience?
- 14. What is the quote in this section? Where does it come from?
- 15. Why did Lincoln include this quote?