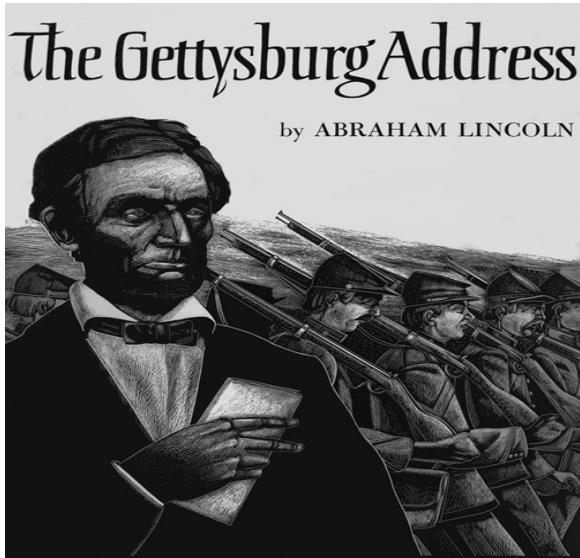


## Abraham Lincoln Actions as President: Gettysburg Address



**Who:** Abraham Lincoln

**When:** November, 1863

**Where:** Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

**What happened:** One of the Deadliest battles of the Civil War took place in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Abraham Lincoln traveled from Washington DC to Gettysburg to dedicate the battlefield as a National Cemetery to honor the soldiers that died there.

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In his speech he said, *“We have come here to dedicate a portion of that battlefield, as a final resting place for those who gave their lives that that nation might live...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 are the main points that Abraham Lincoln was making in this statement?

What is your opinion of what Abraham Lincoln did and said on this fall day in 1863?

How did this action reflect his characteristic(s) as a leader?

Why do you think that people today still remember President Lincoln as a significant political leader?