

AP U.S. Government Worksheet: What You Need to Know About the Gettysburg Address

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this worksheet, you should be able to:

- Explain the historical context of the Gettysburg Address.
 - Identify its main ideas and constitutional principles.
 - Connect the speech to AP U.S. Government concepts.
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Background Knowledge

1. Who delivered the Gettysburg Address?

2. On what date was it delivered?

3. What major event was taking place in the United States when the speech was given?

4. Why was the speech delivered at Gettysburg?

Key Ideas

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What does the phrase "all men are created equal" refer to? Why is it important?

2. What does Lincoln mean by "a new birth of freedom"?

3. According to Lincoln, what is the purpose of government?

4. What does the phrase "government of the people, by the people, for the people" mean?

AP Government Connections

Match each concept with how it relates to the Gettysburg Address.

AP Government Concept	Connection
Popular Sovereignty	
Equality	
Democracy	
Civic Duty	

Rule of Law

Part 4: Short Answer

1. Explain how the Gettysburg Address reflects the ideals found in the Declaration of Independence.

2. Why is the Gettysburg Address still important in discussions about American democracy today?
