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Do Now: If you were to become president what would you want to be your legacy? What would you try to accomplish while in office? What would be your main issue?

Read the "Gettysburg Address" and annotate to answer the questions on the left.

What was Lincoln's goal for the war?	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.
What was Lincoln's goal for the war?	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.
Why couldn't the crowd dedicate the cemetery?	But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.
What was Lincoln's goal for the war?	The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. 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.
What was Lincoln's goal for the war?	Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863.

The first lines of paragraph four are iconic because Lincoln's address is one of the most quoted and famous presidential speeches. Why do you think this speech is still remembered?

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