

Gettysburg Address

Extra-Credit Memorization

We as a class have been doing our study of the American Civil War Era. Now you are being given the opportunity to memorize and recite one of the most famous speeches ever given in American history. The more you memorize the more points you can receive. You can potentially receive up to 60 points in total if you memorize and recite all that is below.

*This is an extra-credit assignment so there is no "partial-work" to get "half-credit." **It is all or nothing.*** Therefore to receive the full credit of points in each block of text you must recite the words the whole way through to the end.

10	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.
20	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 battle-field 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.
40	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. 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.
60	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.

Sometime between now and the due date you must come to Mr. Erskine and recite the above quotes for credit.

You will need to have this paper with you to hand to Mr. Erskine so he can listen, follow along and then give you a grade.

This extra-credit is available from now until Friday May 26, 2016.