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Gettysburg Address Analysis

What is the meaning of the Gettysburg Address?

Abraham Lincoln gave this speech on November 19th, 1863 to dedicate a portion of the battlefield as a national cemetery.

Before reading, why is the sourcing information above important?

'Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that "all men are created equal."

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 it, as a final resting place for those who died here, that the nation might live. This we may, in all propriety do. 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 hallowed it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here; while it can never forget what they did here.

It is rather for us, the living, we here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that, from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here, gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation, 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.'

Next, use the graphic organizer provided to help organize your thoughts on what your meaning of the Gettysburg address is.

Meaning (Claim)	Characteristics (Evidence)
Adjectives of feelings	Non-Adjectives of feelings

Lastly, how could this information possibly be connected to creating your monument?