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What is the meaning of the Gettysburg Address?

- 1) Write a thesis that effectively answers the question above
- 2) Write two claims, in your own words, to support your thesis
- 3) Write two, directly quoted, pieces of evidence from the document to support your claims
- 4) Write a conclusion that effectively reflects the thesis.

CATEGORY	3 (Meets)	2 (Approaching)	1 (Developing)	0 (Missing)	Score
Thesis	Thesis is clear, and is explicitly stated.	Thesis is generally clear though it may not be explicitly stated.	Thesis is unclear or confusing.	Thesis is missing.	
Claim(s)	Claim is explicitly stated in own words and supports thesis.	Claim is stated in own words but may not completely support thesis.	Claims are stated but not in own words and may or may not support thesis only one claim is present	All claims are missing	
Evidence	Evidence is directly quoted and relevant to the appropriate claim.	Evidence is directly quoted but may not directly support appropriate claim.	An attempt has been made to add evidence but was not directly quoted or only one evidence is present	Evidence is missing	
Conclusion	Conclusion is effective and explicitly stated and directly reflects thesis	Conclusion is effective and explicitly stated but no variation has been made from thesis	Conclusion is present but unclear or confusing.	Conclusion is missing	
Total: 12					

Writing Task: *Begin on this side of the paper, and continue on the back if necessary.*