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## UNDERSTANDING THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS WORKSHEET

Multiple Choice: Circle the letter of the best answer to rewrite each group of words.

**1. Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation,**

- a. 27 years ago some people made a new country that brought us together
- b. 87 years ago some people made a new country that brought us together
- c. 27 years ago our relatives made a new country that brought us together

**2. conceived in liberty,**

- a. based on the idea of freedom
- b. born in a free country
- c. taken from a free country

**3. and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.**

- a. and made sure the song was the same as all others
- b. and believed that all people are the same
- c. and written to make sure that everyone would get the same things.

**4. Now we are engaged in a great civil war,**

- a. Now we are fighting a war between the states
- b. Now we are planning a war
- c. No we are politely debating

**5. testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.**

- a. Testing if any country can survive forever
- b. Trying to see if we or any country who believes in that idea can continue to exist

**6. We are met on a great battlefield of that war.**

- a. People are coming to meet us here.
- b. We are standing on an important battlefield of that war.
- c. People are coming to fight with us here.

**7. 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.**

- a. We have come to say that part of this field is holy because it is a final resting place for those who died here so that our country can continue to exist.
- b. We have come here to create a place where soldiers can rest because they fought so hard for our country.

**8. 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.**

- a. But in the bigger picture, we cannot make this place holy because the men who died here already did.
- b. But in the bigger picture we cannot build here because people died here and it would be disrespectful.
- c. But in a larger sense, we should not honor people who fight in wars.

**9. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.**

- a. The world doesn't care about this place but the men who fought here will always remember.
- b. People won't remember this ceremony but they will remember the men who fought and died here.

**10. 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.**

- a. We need to dedicate this cemetery and make it look nice to honor these men.
- b. We who are still alive need to promise to continue to fight for the ideas that these men died for.

**11. 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**

- a. We have to promise to make this cemetery nice and remember these men.
- b. We need to promise that we will work on the great job ahead of us--to remember the dead we will increase our effort to save the ideas that they died for.

**12. that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain**

- a. that we promise that the men who died here died for a good reason
- b. that we find out if the dead died terrible deaths
- c. that we make sure other people don't die here

**13. that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom**

- a. that our country, under God's blessing, shall have a new form of government
- b. that our country, under God's blessing, shall be reborn in freedom
- c. that we will become a really religious country

**14. and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.**

- a. and that one government of lots of people should spread all over the earth
- b. and that a government of people cannot exist on this earth
- c. and that the idea that all the people should be involved in making their own rules and laws for themselves won't be destroyed.

