



Gettysburg Address as a Storybook for Kids

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The **Gettysburg Address** is one of the most powerful and important speeches in American history. President Abraham Lincoln gave this short, 272-word speech on **November 19, 1863**, during a ceremony to honor fallen soldiers at the new **Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**. Even though the speech is brief, it is filled with meaning and continues to inspire people today.

For this activity, imagine you have been **hired to create a three-page storybook** that helps **young children understand the key ideas** in the Gettysburg Address. You will use simple language and colorful pictures to explain the meaning of the speech.

What You'll Do:

1. Create a four-page mini-book:

Page 1 – Cover page: Include the title *The Gettysburg Address for Kids*, your name, and an illustration.

Page 2 – First excerpt:

“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.”

* Rewrite this sentence in your own words, in a way that a young child (ages 6–8) could understand. Print it on the right side.

* Add a colorful drawing or scene to go with it on the left side.

Page 3 – Second excerpt:

“That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom...”

* Explain what this means in simple language on the right side

* Draw a picture that shows what “freedom” might look like on the left side.

Page 4 – Third excerpt:

“...government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

*Translate this into kid-friendly words on the right side

*Add an image that shows people working together, voting, or being part of a community on the left side.

Tips for Success:

- Think about what each line means. What is Lincoln trying to say about America and its people?
- Use short, clear sentences that a young child could understand.
- Make your drawings bright, bold, and related to your translation.
- Be creative! You can use crayons, colored pencils, or digital tools.

Cover Page - Draw the cover and pages as in landscape mode. Don't draw vertically.

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