

The Gettysburg Address

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Text from the Gettysburg Address

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".

Key Words and Phrases

"Four score and seven years ago"

"all men are created equal"

Significance

"Four score and seven years ago" means 87 years ago. So, if you subtract 87 from 1863, you get 1776. Lincoln was talking about the beginning of the United States of America.

When he said that "all men are created equal", he was reminding people of what what in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. This goes against what was happening in the Civil War - not all men were thought to be equal.