The Gettysburg Address

TEXT ANALYSIS QUESTIONS

1. What happened "four score and seven years ago"? Why does Lincoln start with this?
2. In the first sentence, what does Lincoln tell us about this new nation?
3. What is being tested by this war?
4. When Lincoln says the nation was "so conceived and so dedicated" what is he referring to?
5. What are the people who are assembled at Gettysburg there to do?
6. What did those who fought at Gettysburg do that those who have gathered cannot?
7. What does Lincoln describe as the impact of those who fought at Gettysburg?
8. What does Lincoln mean by "the great task remaining"?
9. What is the unfinished work that those listening to the speech are asked to achieve?
10. What specific ideas does Lincoln ask his listeners to commit themselves to at the end of his speech?
11. "Increased devotion to that cause". What cause is this?