Lincoln at Gettysburg
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In the autumn of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, a speech that marked a turning point in American history. The address was delivered on November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The speech was short but powerful, and it set the tone for the nation's commitment to the ideals of freedom and democracy.

The Gettysburg Address is a timeless example of how a great speech can be written in a few words and still convey profound meaning. It is a testament to the power of language and the importance of speaking clearly and concisely.

The speech begins with a simple statement: "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."

Then, Lincoln goes on to describe the sacrifice of those who fought and died in the Civil War, and he urges the nation to continue its work of perfecting democracy. He concludes with a call to action: "Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure."

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