Read (and see more) all about it!

For more on Lincoln and Gettysburg, check out these books and movies.

**Movies**

- **Lincoln** (2012)
  - At the Civil War continues to rage, America’s president struggles with the continuing damage on the battlefield, as he fights with many inside his own cabinet on the decision to emancipate the slaves. Rated: PG

- **Gettysburg** (1993)
  - This film, based on the novel “The Killer Angels” and starring Tom Berenger, Jeff Daniels and Martin Sheen, depicts one of the Civil War’s most famous battles. Rated: PG

- **The Civil War** (1990)
  - More than 10 hours in length, Ken Burns’ film “The Civil War” contains nine episodes that explore the Civil War through photographs and personal journals. The series is narrated by David McCullough. Not rated.

- **Lincoln@Gettysburg**
  - Learn how close the South came to winning this critical battle and how Gettysburg became the turning point of the war. Rated: PG

- **American Ride: Gettysburg**
  - This made-for-television film, inspired by the 2013 novel by Bill O’Reilly, is narrated and hosted by actor Tom Hanks. This docuseries originally aired on National Geographic, counting the network’s highest ratings ever. Not rated.

- **Killing Lincoln** (2013)
  - This 90-minute television film, which aired in 2013, is about the “plot” to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

- **Lincoln Goes to Washington** (1939)
  - This classic Frank Capra movie stars Jimmy Stewart as Jefferson Smith, an idealist who unfortunately becomes a U.S. Senator. Mr. Smith visits the Lincoln Memorial, where he finds a young boy reading the words of Abraham Lincoln in his grandfather’s voice.

- **The Conspirator** (2010)
  - The film, directed by Robert Redford, focuses on the legal prosecution of those charged with the conspiracy to murder President Lincoln. The film focuses on Mary Surratt, the lone woman charged as a conspirator, and includes the trial of her son John. Not rated.

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A two-minute Masterpiece

“Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers who can cut through the argument and debate and offer a solution everyone can understand.”

— John F. Kennedy

On November 19, 1863, Edward Everett, a former U.S. Senator and former Secretary of State, spoke at the dedication of the military cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. But few gave or half-remember, as many as 51,000 Union and Confederate soldiers had been killed or injured in the Battle of Gettysburg, one of the bloodiest and most famous of the Civil War.

As the featured speaker that day, Everett faced over two hours, tossing the limits of his vocal cords—and the patience of thousands who had gathered to pay tribute. His long, rambling speech set the stage for one of the greatest speeches ever given. Everett’s 272-word, two-minute masterpiece was confined, inspired, and unemboldened by a young nation’s war or its recent victory at the Gettysburg Address. Lincoln’s speech was short, in fact, that most of the photographers came to document the civil war, not Everett’s speech but Lincoln’s 272-word, two-minute masterpiece. Everett was a statesman, Lincoln was a great! How many words were there in the Gettysburg Address? One hundred and fifty-five.

The Battle of Gettysburg

From July 1 to July 3, 1863, the Confederate and Union armies waged over 35 miles southwest from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at the cost of over 51,000 Union and Confederate soldiers, or a quarter of their forces, while the South had 24,000 casualties, roughly a third of General Robert E. Lee’s army.

On July 3, the final day of the battle, 12,000 Confederates attacked the center of the Union line at Cemetery Ridge. Robert E. Lee, as it came to be known, met with Union fire and resulted in heavy casualties to the South. A day later, on the evening of July 4, General Lee remained in Virginia. He would face destruction one month later. After the battle, bodies lay scattered in the surrounding fields. Paneling an epidemic, the bodies were quickly and summarily buried. With the support of the Pennsylvania governor, however, a committee was formed to create a national cemetery to honor the Union soldiers. As a final honor to the dead, the committee planned a dedication ceremony, selecting Edward Everett as the main speaker, and asking President Lincoln to make a “few appropriate remarks.”

Life of Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, on the Kentucky frontier. He received very little formal schooling and educated himself by reading classic American literature, as well as the Bible. He began practicing law in 1836, and worked for 29 years as an attorney. He married Mary Todd in 1842 and had four sons, three of whom died at an early age.

Lincoln failed in business, suffered a nervous breakdown and lost eight elections before being elected President of the United States in 1860. As president, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation, delivered the Gettysburg Address and led the U.S. through the Civil War. President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth on April 15, 1865, in Washington, D.C.

How do you grade on Gettysburg?

1 How many weeks were there in the Gettysburg Address? Two
2 A “score” is how many years? Twenty
3 Who was designated to be the main speaker at the dedication of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania? Edward Everett
4 What national holiday was created in 1863? Veterans Day
5 In what state is Gettysburg located? Pennsylvania
6 Which general commanded the Confederate army at the Battle of Gettysburg? Robert E. Lee
7 How many days did the Battle of Gettysburg last? Three
8 How many handwritten versions of the Gettysburg Address are there? Four
9 Approximately how many soldiers lost their lives in the battle at Gettysburg? 51,000
10 To which document was President Lincoln referring for the proposition that all men are created equal? The Declaration of Independence

Four score and seven years ago

Lincoln’s remarks that day were more than appropriate, they were sublime and profound. Extending on themes of freedom and equality, Lincoln made a connection between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. He challenged Americans to understand “the great task remaining before us—...that nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.”

Senator Charles Sumner would later write: “That speech, uttered at the field of Gettysburg... is monumental. In the memory of his nation he said...the world will feel new, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did there. He was mistaken. The world will never forget what he said, and will never cease to remember it.”

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln’s final speech, we encourage you to read, study, remember, and more importantly, apply the Gettysburg Address. Find historical photos and videos, classroom activities and other resources to help you study the Gettysburg Address.

For the answers to the quiz, see the back page of this insert.