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Modern Gettysburg Address Answer Key

Because this activity is creative writing, responses will vary. A strong submission should include:

- **Clear challenge** connected to civic or community values
- Evidence of **honoring others** (volunteers, activists, helpers, etc.)
- A **motivational message** encouraging unity and action
- Logical structure with beginning, middle, and end
- Respectful and purposeful tone, inspired by Lincoln's message

Teachers should check for:

- Effort and understanding of civic responsibility
- Coherent and inspirational language
- Connection to modern issues affecting society

Teacher's Guide

- Read or play a performance of the Gettysburg Address before writing
- Conduct a short brainstorm: "What challenges does our world face today?"
- Encourage students to rehearse lines aloud for flow and impact

Differentiation

- Provide topic ideas and sentence starters for developing writers
- Allow speech as audio/video submission for oral strength
- Challenge advanced students to integrate ethos, pathos, and logos

Engagement

- Host a "Modern Address Showcase" reading event
- Create a class poster wall with inspiring lines from each speech
- Invite peer feedback focusing on message clarity and inspiration

Extensions

- Compare tone and purpose with another historical speech
- Have students identify rhetorical devices they used
- Turn speeches into brief public-service announcements