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Purposeful Words Answer Key

Responses will vary based on student document choice.

Strong responses should show:

Feature	Acceptable Evidence - Gettysburg Address	Acceptable Evidence - Declaration of Independence	Acceptable Evidence - Emancipation Proclamation
Main Purpose	Honor soldiers & continue fight for unity	Announce independence and list grievances	Free enslaved people in rebelling states
Audience & Occasion	Civil War dedication ceremony	King George III & world audience	Union/U.S. public during Civil War
Key Ideas About Freedom	Unity, democracy "for all"	Natural rights: "life, liberty, pursuit of happiness"	Freedom as a war measure toward justice
Tone/Impact	Inspirational, solemn, hopeful	Bold, assertive, rebellious	Formal, authoritative, urgent
Historical Context	1863 Civil War battlefield	1776 Revolutionary War tensions	1863 Civil War turning point

Differentiation

- Offer guided excerpts with vocabulary support for developing readers
- Permit oral discussion or notes before writing
- Extend for advanced students: require one quote per row

Extensions

- Students write a thesis statement: How do these documents work together to shape American identity?
- Incorporate ethos/pathos/logos analysis
- Connect to a modern speech about rights or equality