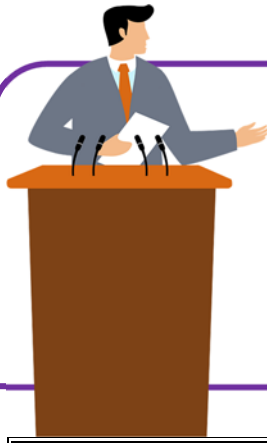


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Power In Few Words

Directions: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was short, clear, and powerful-unlike many longer speeches of his time. Read the short excerpts provided by your teacher (or textbook) from the Gettysburg Address and another longer 19th-century speech. Then complete the chart and questions below.

Feature	Gettysburg Address	Longer 19th-Century Speech
Length (short or long?)		
Language Style (simple or complex?)		
Main Message (easy or hard to find?)		
Audience Impact (strong or weak?)		

✓ Tip: Think about clarity, focus, and emotions.

1. Why do you think Lincoln chose short, everyday words instead of long, complicated ones?

2. How does a short speech help listeners remember the message better?

3. What is one example from the longer speech that could have been simpler or shorter? Explain why.
