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## Repetition In Gettysburg Answer Key

Counts may vary slightly by version, but typically:

Word	Common Count	Why Lincoln Repeats It
Nation	5	To stress unity and survival of the U.S.
People	3	To show that power and purpose come from citizens
Dedicate / Dedicated	6-7	To honor the soldiers and motivate living Americans to act
Freedom / Liberty	1-2	To highlight the core value being defended

Short-Answer Guidance:

- Repetition reinforces major ideas such as unity and responsibility
- Helps audience remember key themes during a short but powerful speech
- Creates rhythm and emotional emphasis

### Teacher's Guide

- Display excerpt on board; model counting one word together
- Highlight or circle repeated words in different colors
- Discuss how repetition was useful in public speaking (no slides, microphones, screens)

### Engagement Ideas

- Word hunt race: groups compete to highlight and tally repeated words
- Compare to modern speeches, campaign slogans, or social movements

### Extensions

- Students write a short persuasive message that uses repetition effectively
- Graph word counts for visual learners and discuss which theme stands out most
- Link repeated words to the ethos/pathos/logos strategies used in the speech