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Modern Voices

Directions: Read each short excerpt inspired by Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Rewrite the meaning in your own modern words. Keep the message the same, but make the language clearer for today's audience.

1. **Excerpt:** "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty..."

Paraphrase: _____

2. **Excerpt:** "We are now engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation... can long endure."

Paraphrase: _____

3. **Excerpt:** "We have come to dedicate a portion of that field... as a final resting place for those who gave their lives..."

Paraphrase: _____

4. **Excerpt:** "The brave men... have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract."

Paraphrase: _____

5. **Excerpt:** "It is for us the living... to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

Paraphrase: _____