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The Battle of Gettysburg, one of the most noted battles of the Civil War, (War for Southern Independence) was fought on July 1-3, 1863. On Nov. 19, 1863, the field was dedicated as a national cemetery by President Lincoln in a two-minute speech that was to become immortal, the Gettysburg Address.

The Battle of Gettysburg, fought four months earlier, was the bloodiest battle of the Civil War. Over the course of three days, more than 45,000 men were killed, injured, captured or went missing. The battle also proved to be the turning point of the war. The South's defeat and retreat from Gettysburg marked the last Confederate invasion of Northern territory and the beginning of the Southern army's ultimate defeat.

The 278 word speech of the 16th President dedicated a national cemetery and it is claimed that he rededicated America to the hopes and dreams expressed in the Declaration of Independence. The Patriot and Union newspaper of Harrisburg Pennsylvania and other newspapers were not impressed by Lincoln's speech. They said **"The president acted without sense and without constraint in a panorama that was more for the benefit of his Republican Party than for the honor of the dead.**

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was a lie. Famous editor and journalist H.L Mencken wrote about the speech in 1920 saying that the speech claims that **"The Union soldiers who died at Gettysburg sacrificed their lives for self determination so that government of the people, by the people, and for the**

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people should not perish from the earth. It is difficult to imagine anything any more untrue. The Union soldiers in that battle fought against self determination. It was the Confederates who fought for the right of their people to govern themselves. The practical effect of the battle of Gettysburg was the destruction of the sovereignty of the states. The Confederates went into battle free but came out with their freedom subject to the supervision and veto of the North and for 20 years they had scarcely more liberty than convicts in a penitentiary. It did not usher in a new birth of freedom. It consolidated Federal power and gave birth to the fascist system and imperial presidency under which we now suffer".

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