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The [Gettysburg Address](#) is a speech that President Abraham Lincoln delivered during the American Civil War at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on the afternoon of Thursday, November 19, 1863, four and a half months after the Union armies defeated those of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg. It is one of the best-known speeches in American history. Although not the day's primary speech, Lincoln's carefully crafted address came to be seen as one of the greatest and most influential statements of American national purpose.

The phrase ". . . that this nation, under God. . ." is considered to be the origin of the phrase ". . . one nation, under God. . ." in the [Pledge of Allegiance](#).