

The following pages illustrate how a manuscript should be prepared and revised for the Journal of AAPOS.

- The first page is the original document as submitted. In documents of more than one page, marginal line numbering must be continuous, not restarting on each page.
- The second page contains reviewer comments and author responses. Note that this document can stand alone; the handling editor need not refer to any other document to assess which changes were made and which not. Line numbers of the revised text are included.
- The third page is the highlighted copy of the revised manuscript. This is best accomplished using MS Word's "track changes" or "compare documents" features.
- The final page is the clean copy of the revised manuscript, suitable for transmission to publisher if accepted.

1 **A Few Appropriate Remarks**

2 Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation,
3 conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

4 Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any
5 nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-
6 field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place
7 for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and
8 proper that we should do this.

9 But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not
10 hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have
11 consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor
12 long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us
13 the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here
14 have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task
15 remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that
16 cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve
17 that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a
18 new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people,
19 shall not perish from the earth.

Reviewer comments: "A Few Appropriate Remarks."

1-1. Line 1. Title should be more descriptive.

Title changed to, "Dedication of a portion of a field to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg and its implications for the future of the nation." See highlighted copy, lines 1-2.

1-2. Line 2. The time span of "four score," etc. is awkwardly stated.

Changed to "Eighty-seven years," line 3, highlighted copy.

1-3. Line 3. Include both men and women.

Revised to ". . . all men and women are created equal," line 4.

1-4. Line 4. Who exactly is referred to as "we?"

"We" refers to the United States of America. The authors feel that this is clear in the context of the address; however, we have revised to "Now this Nation is engaged . . .," line 6.

1-5. Line 5. "Battlefield" is not hyphenated.

Correction made, line 8, highlighted copy.

1-6. Lines 7-8. The statement that "it is altogether fitting and proper that we do this" is a matter of opinion.

While this is an opinion, we feel that it is a key part of the address that can be the launching point for further discussion. In consideration of the reviewer concerns, we have added the word "probably" before "altogether" on line 9, so that the sentence now reads, "It is probably altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

1-7. Line 11. The sentence beginning "The world will little note," is beyond the scope of this address.

Sentence deleted. The word "rather" in the subsequent sentence was therefore deleted as well since the comparative is no longer necessary. See line 13.

1-8. Lines 14-19. This run-on sentence is not substantiated by prior comments and should be deleted.

We feel that this is a vital part of the manuscript, but we have rewritten as separate sentences and modified the conclusion as follows. "With this great task remaining before us, we propose the following. First, we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain. Second, we resolve that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom. Finally, we support the recommendation that this government, which is of, by, and for the people shall remain indefinitely." See lines 15-19.

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Abraham Lincoln

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