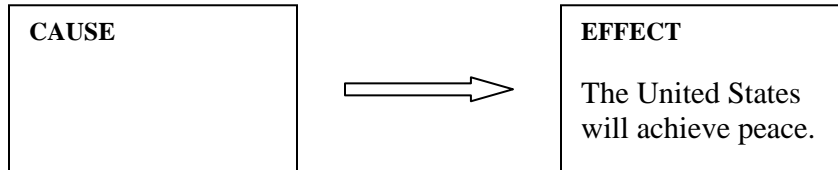


Reading Comprehension Questions

Based on your reading of the speech and note-taking, respond to the following items.

1. What is the first paragraph *mainly* about?
 - a. How both the north and the south feared a civil war
 - b. How Lincoln feels hopeful for the future of America
 - c. How four years has passed by
 - d. How Lincoln's next term as president will be better than the last
2. The word *avert* in paragraph two most clearly means
 - a. begin
 - b. start over from scratch
 - c. prevent
 - d. pause
3. The phrase *insurgent agents* in paragraph two most clearly means
 - a. supporters
 - b. co-workers
 - c. rebels
 - d. teachers
4. The word *perish* in paragraph two most clearly means
 - a. die
 - b. lose control
 - c. rise again
 - d. grow
5. Which sentence from the speech supports the idea that the issue of slavery was one major cause of the Civil War?
 - a. "One-eighth of the whole population were colored slaves"
 - b. "localized in the Southern part of it"
 - c. "These slaves constituted a peculiar and powerful interest."
 - d. "the government claimed no right to do more than to restrict the territorial enlargement of it."
6. Why does President Lincoln say that Northerners and Southerners believed in God, but their prayers could not be "answered fully"?
 - a. He means that both North and South share similarities.
 - b. He means that all people from the United States have reading ability.
 - c. He believes that the two parties judge each other.
 - d. He believes that the war affected northern life more than southern life.

7. Paragraph five is important to the speech because it helps the reader understand
- a. how Lincoln hopes the country will heal after the war.
 - b. how humans angered their God.
 - c. how the war still has the possibility of returning.
 - d. how many wounds must be healed before the war is truly over.
8. Look at the diagram about information from the story.



Which of these details belongs in the box labeled “**CAUSE**”?

- a. Northerners must give in to Southerners.
- b. Lincoln will lead the mission to end the war.
- c. All must be friendly to those who do not originate from America.
- d. We must do everything in our power to discourage hatred and encourage good will.