

# Joshua Chamberlain Dedication Handout

[Joshua Chamberlain, Dedication of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment Monument, Gettysburg, Pa. \(excerpt\)](#)

"In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear, but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field to ponder and dream; And lo! the shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls."