**Cornerstone Speech**

*Reading Guide*

SECTION 1:

Find each of these terms in the reading. For each one write the complete sentence that you find it in. Then define the term using a dictionary/smartphone/context clues. Finally rewrite the whole sentence in your own words.

1. *Peculiar Institution*
   1. Sentence:
   2. Definition
   3. Rewrite:
2. *Rupture*
   1. Sentence:
   2. Definition
   3. Rewrite:
3. *Evanescent*
   1. Sentence:
   2. Definition
   3. Rewrite:
4. *Providence*
   1. Sentence
   2. Definition
   3. Rewrite

SECTION 2: Interpret the meaning of the following phrases from Alexander Stephens:

1. “What was conjecture with him, is now a realized fact.”
2. “The Constitution, it is true, secured every essential guarantee to the institution while it should last, and hence no argument can be justly urged against the constitutional guarantees thus secured, because of the common sentiment of the day.”
3. “This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical, and moral truth.”
4. “The great objects of humanity are best attained when there is conformity to His laws and decrees, in the formation of governments as well as in all things else.”

SECTION 3: What is the significance of this document? What does it tell us about the causes of the Civil War?