

# Week 3 History

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**Film #4: View *CSA: Confederate States of America***

The main reason why the South won is vested in the quick reaction by Jefferson Davis (the Confederate President) to take advantage of the terrible flop of the emancipation proclamation put forward by Lincoln. The proclamation that was championed by President Abraham Lincoln to fuel the desire to free slaves turns out satirical, for it fails to free even a single slave. Lincoln turns to Harriet Tubman to help him escape using the underground railroad engineered for the escape of slaves. The confederate forces staged a hunt for Lincoln, who is being sneaked out to Canada by Tubman, where they are captured, making Lincoln a prisoner of the confederate forces. The events are full of satire, with Lincoln having disguised himself as a black man. It is funny when one of the soldiers claims to have smelled Negroes only to turn out to be Lincoln, who is then termed as a dishonest ape.

The work in the film is great, especially when the captured Lincoln sings the song "Swing Low." It is funny the way the soldiers hilariously accuse Lincoln of being a traitor. The most defining part is when Jefferson Davis moves with speed to seek the help of the French and the British in setting the foundation for the confederacy. The strategy enabled the confederate forces to win the war and take over the White House. When General Grant of the Union Army surrenders to Lee, the bloody affair comes to an end leading to the capturing of Abraham Lincoln. He is then imprisoned for masterminding war against humanity.

President Davis annexes the USA to form the Confederate States of America. He removes the symbols of the government. He replaces the national anthem and relocates the government offices to Washington D.C. President Davis puts in efforts to reconstruct the nation via imposing a tax on non-slave-owners.

The commercials in the movie are rich in creativity. One of them is at the start of the film about the confederate family insurance. The commercial equates itself to a father who should always be there for his family. Another one is about Sambo X-15 oil that reduces dust and also improves car performance through lubrication. The clip's satire is well reflected when Abraham Lincoln, who had been granted exile in Canada, speaks of how he used slaves and now he is being used. Despite his former presidential status, he also leads a lonely life and without a country, just like a negro. He dies in exile, a lonely and abandoned man. Satire is also revealed when a segment of whites claims that setting slaves free will be disastrous to slaves who seemed not ready for liberation. They advocated for the continuation of slavery as a way of according the slaves a better life. To add, Dr. Cartwright describes a condition named Drapetomania as a prevalent condition in runaway slaves. It is satirical the way he describes slaves as a group of people who need to be understood for they behave like children. The description also depicts a slave on a tree mingling with monkeys hence a direct link between slaves and monkeys.

At the end of the film, real advertisements in our American history reveal notions of racism in several ways. One of them is the darkie toothpaste that was primarily manufactured to be sold overseas. The paste is considered a black man's product, especially in Asia. Another surprise ending is the Niggerhair tobacco produced by Leidersdory company (Wisconsin). I think the name was later changed to Biggerhair to evade the racist name that the product had. It caught me by surprise to learn that the Confederate leaders had a plan to occupy Central and South America to seize sugar and cotton supply and also create a "Tropical Empire."

**Film #5: Hitler's Britain on YouTube****One**

The British army had a superior and efficient air force named RAF (Royal Air Force) compared to Germany's Luftwaffe. Germany changed tactics by using Operation Sealion, where they crossed the water channel to stage attacks. The war ruled the skies, with RAF proving to be strong and determined to make counter-attacks against the German air force. The futile mission prompted Germany to change tactics. Through Goring, Hitler came up with the Blitz campaign, which was a bombing mission against Coventry, Liverpool, London, and other main cities. The move was to lower the morale of the Britons. The operation was conducted at night to register massive casualties. The Nazis also occupied the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey to make it easy to invade Britain. Another strategy was working taking advantage of the political landscape of Britain by working with well-established British politicians who were willing to work with Germany and also deliver goods better. They included Neville Chamberlain (British Prime Minister 1937-1940) and Lord Halifax (Foreign Secretary 1938-1940). Also, Germany thought of winning the duke even if it meant the use of corruption or abduction to collaborate and also offer intelligence. They extended their efforts to the British police to take control of the police force, which would then help them to prosecute individuals depicted in the black book and the whole society. J.R Howell (Chief Police Constable) was chosen as the main target.

**Two**

The Nazis in this alternate reality were disciplined compared to ruthless operations in Poland. The documentary reveals that the Nazis were polite and also kind to the locals. The soldiers were to behave themselves by avoiding looting and killing innocent civilians. Such atrocities could

attract penalties to the victims. I don't buy the ideas bearing in mind that the mission was masterminded by a dictator (Adolf Hitler) well known for uncouth activities and with a higher thirst for destruction and bloodshed.

**Story #5: Short story: *A little more Tabasco, my dear?***

**Question 1**

There are several instances where Aaron possesses a different attitude towards his wife, Linda.

- a) Loving attitude. At the begging of the story, Aaron's description of her wife after persuading him to have Tabasco added to his eggs reveals his feelings and attitude he has towards his wife. He says that she was enduring and that she had deep affection towards him and which she kept pouring out on him. His love for the wife made him even lack the self-control to say no to her offerings like taking Tabasco which always ended making him have heartburns.
- b) Embarrassed attitude. Aaron may feel embarrassed by her wife's behavior at Spanish restaurants. The little knowledge that Linda has of the Spanish language, alongside her willingness to use the same when they visited the hotel, could have left Aaron a little embarrassed, especially when she keeps on ordering coffee while still having a cup already or when she asks for men's washroom. This made him reluctant to have her accompany him to the practice field.

**Question 2**

Aaron's reflection on life contrasts with that of his brother in several ways. Aaron's life is dominated by upheavals especially considering his career, which is full of ups and downs, while that of Jack seems to be more swift. At first, he wanted to be a professional baseball

player, but he injured himself, signaling the end of his career, and had to settle to being a scout. Jack swiftly ascends through the ladder in his career path and has commendable levels.

**Question 3**

Nicknames have been used in the story to show the extra relationship that the author has with the subject, one beyond which others have thus nicknames to have unique identities.

**Question 4**

The ultimate cause of Jack's assassination remained a mystery according to this story. Aaron claims that it is not known why or who took the shot. By the look of things, Kennedy's assassination cannot be limited to a single event especially considering the mystery surrounding the event. Those close to him are the ones who likely planned the assassination, considering Jack's relationship with his vice, CIA, and other strained relationships.

**Question 5**

The occurrences in the story assert that there is an inevitability to the occurrence of events. The assassination of Jack despite the heavy security accorded to him, and the failure by Aaron to reach his full potential as a baseballer due to the injury suffered.

**Question 6**

The story can be interpreted to suggest good things lead to bad things in that Jack had had a successful career rising through the ranks to being a senior-most leader in the country but never saw the end of his career as he was assassinated. On the other hand, bad things may result in good things in that despite Aaron failing to make it as a professional player, he still

rose through the ranks to work with a prominent team, which maybe he could not have achieved as a player.

**Question 7**

Leary is so determined to achieve success for himself and his employers, as demonstrated by his confidence levels.

**Question 8**

The character that I liked most is Aaron because of his never-giving-up attitude, while the character I liked least is Linda, whose stubbornness hurts his husband, heartburn, and also her weird behavior in the Cuban hotel.

**Question 9**

My emotion elicited from the article is sadness. The story ends in a non-heroic way for two of the major characters, Jack and Aaron. Despite being a hero in his world and the country at large, Jack ends up being assassinated, while Aaron ends up having heartburn that would last for four decades and wishes that his cousin would have better sorted the issues which he assumes led to his death.

**Question 10**

One aspect of the tale that I would be willing to rewrite is that involving Aaron's journey. It would motivate someone. Aaron's ambitions seemed to have hit rock-bottom when he injured his leg. The severity of the injury resulted in him being not able to play the game ever again, but that never deterred his ambitions to represent big teams; with passion and dedication, he pursued his ambitions, and he was at long last able to work with one of the biggest baseball

teams in the country. I could transform this narrative to portray Aaron as a miserable character who does not achieve his dreams in the end regardless of all the sufferings that he goes through. The main reason why I could change this part this way is to evoke pathos. This will greatly evoke an emotional response from the readers.

***Story #6: What if: If Lincoln had not freed the slaves***

**Do you think more gradual Emancipation would have been better?**

The emancipation process was proclaimed in 1862, which would help free slaves in America. The supporters of a gradual emancipation approach, such as Reverend Jonathan Edwards Jr, saw the need to abolish slavery rather than a rapid process gradually. A more gradual emancipation approach would not have done any better in the process of slavery. Slave trade and slavery were immoral and did not protect the human rights of African Americans. A gradual process would prolong the suffering and violation of human rights the African Americans were experiencing. Also, gradual Emancipation would face challenges, especially for those who legally owned slaves. They would resist freeing slaves in a gradual process, yet they legally owned them. A rapid process would force all those who owned slaves to release them without fighting.

**What is the "unfinished work" left to be done?**

In 1776 when America was founded, the principle of democracy, equality, and respect for human rights were to be preserved. , The United States since then formed, the country aimed to implement and promote the country's beliefs. Therefore, the unfinished work was America's work when it attained its independence in 1776. For instance, human rights such as the right to freedom were to be experienced by all individuals, and that the people should have control of their government.

**Do you think that Wicker made a robust, modest, or weak case about how influential the Emancipation Proclamation was?**

The idea of Wicker that slavery should have continued in South America and the Border States indicates that his argument about Emancipation was weak. The approach of Wicker suggested gradual Emancipation, which is ineffective than sudden Emancipation to end slavery. Wicker also believed that slave owners should be compensated even though he did not consider the injustice and immorality slaves had experienced. Wicker also viewed a sudden end to slavery could lead to war rather than the need to end injustice and attain morality in the society. Nevertheless, the idea was robust as it would help end the conflict between the slaves and slave owners.

Despite that, Wicker believed that slaves should be abolished, there should be laws to protect individuals, and all citizens should have the right to vote regardless of race and color. These ideas played a crucial role in influencing the emancipation proclamation.

**Compare Obama's endorsement of Gay Marriage to Emancipation.**

Obama's endorsement of Gay marriage is similar to the emancipation process endorsement by Abraham Lincoln. Gay marriage in America faced opposition from the community as they viewed it as immoral. Obama's endorsement of Gay marriage, just like the Emancipation, was a way of creating a society where people could enjoy their freedom.

Obama's endorsement of gay marriage was rapid, unlike the Emancipation to end slavery. However, Obama had a firm stand to protect the rights of gay people and to end the injustice the gay people were experiencing. On the other hand, Abraham Lincoln endorsed the Emancipation, but he did not have a firm stand to end slavery ultimately.

**What other kinds of Proclamations ought to be made today?**

The proclamation that needs to be made in the modern world is to end racism and discrimination. The world is experiencing challenges such as racial profiling and discrimination that are brought by racism. Racism can be stopped by taking legal measures against those promoting racism. Also, cultural diversity can be encouraged through learning institutions and having a society that embraces diversity.

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