

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLASS ON *THE BIRTH OF A NATION*:

- 1. Watch the film.**
- 2. Write a journal entry on the film. Length: 1-2 pages double-spaced.**
- 3. Heading of your journal entry:**
 - Date**
 - Film title**
 - Focus of your entry**
- 4. Read at least one assigned article on the film and cite it in the journal entry.**

Possible issues to address:

- 1. cinematic devices: use of parallel editing, lighting, flashback, close-ups, pans, tracking shots, iris, split screen**
- 2. relation of two plots/genres: courtship and war; doubling, historical facsimilies**
- 3. blackface vs. white robes of KKK**
- 4. stereotypes**
- 5. the role of the white woman in relation to race**
- 6. the place of the spectator**

PLEASE EMAIL ME THE JOURNAL ENTRY BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.