Guide to the readings for Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Enclosed are three brief readings that should be read prior to the session.

   a. Questions to guide your reading of Mintz:
      i. What was the colonization movement?
      ii. How did “immediatism” (which emerged in the 1830s) differ from earlier antislavery activism?
      iii. What internal and external challenges did abolitionists face?
      iv. How did Catherine Beecher understand women’s role?
      v. How did the Grimke’s sisters ideas differ from Catherine Beecher?

   a. Questions to guide your reading:
      i. What is McPherson’s main argument? What evidence does he use to support that argument?
      ii. How does Berlin respond? What evidence does he use to support his argument?
      iii. Which argument do you find more persuasive, and why?

   a. Questions to guide your reading of these three documents:
      i. In his letter to Greeley, what is Lincoln’s primary war aim?
      ii. To what extent does the Emancipation Proclamation change his war aim? Why does Lincoln specify specific cities, states, counties and parishes in the Proclamation?
      iii. According to the Gettysburg address, what is at stake in the war?
      iv. How did Lincoln’s views toward slavery evolve during the war?

After completing the questions, please forward a copy of your responses to: Kathleen.Canole@umsl.edu by Monday, April 7. Please bring a copy of your answers to the 418 session.