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GLORY

1989 Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman 122Min.. R

This is a powerful and well acted production depicting the heroic efforts of the all African-American 54th Massachusetts infantry regiment during the Civil War. The film is important for its obvious theme. It is also useful as a vehicle for exploring how changing technology altered the tactics of war as well as the nature of the plantation slave system in the antebellum American South.

Battle of Antietam 1862.

6:30

Medical Tent.

7:39

Shaw given command of the 54th Mass. Regiment.

12:40

Mustering the 54th.

15:26

Training camp.

19:40

Training the 54th.

23:15

Confederate proclamation of insurrection against the Black troops.

29:45

Training with muskets.

33:00

Shaw and Forbes disagree on the purposes of the 54th.

44:00

Tripp caught and lashed for deserting.

48:30

Shaw forces the Quartermaster to give his men shoes.

51:00

Regiment refuses to accept less pay than Whites.

56:40

Seminar Questioning Sequence I:

Why were there so few slave revolts? What kinds of quiet resistance did slaves resort to? How does this relate to the experiences of the Black recruits in the Massachusetts regiment?

Why did Black slaves develop a festive work spirit? What role did teamwork play in the slave plantation labor system? How does this compare with the military training of the 54th Massachusetts?

What kinds of communal attitudes among slaves developed to make their situation bearable? Is this reflected in the men of the 54th Massachusetts?

Seminar Questioning Sequence II:

Was it politically necessary for the North to invade the South? What would be the result if the North decided not to attack the South?

What was the effect of defensive positions in the battles of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredricksberg and Gettysburg?

How did the Confederacy generally keep to the defensive during most of the war? Why was Grant ultimately

The following report topics can be used as background for understanding the nature of slave plantation labor and for the analyzing the training and later outstanding performance of the 54th Massachusetts.

**Overseers
Drivers
Gang System
Spirituals
African-American Folk
Tales
Slave resistance techniques**

<p>54th arrives at the front.</p> <p>56:40 The burning of Darien Georgia.</p> <p>1:15:00 Col. Shaw requests combat for the 54th.</p> <p>1:26:00 54th leads the assault on Fort Wagner.</p> <p>1:29:00 Soldiers of the 54th sing spirituals to prepare for battle.</p> <p>1:41:00 Glorious attack on Fort Wagner.</p>	<p>successful even though his strategy was almost totally offensive?</p>	
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