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Re: Outline/Addendum Notes w/ Total War

I. Military Turning Points of the War (Battlefield/External Factors) In broad strokes

A. Antietam (Sept. 1862)

B. Gettysburg/Vicksburg (July 1863)

Remarks on why Lee came North in 1863

Gettysburg was a very close thing. Lee came close.

C. Fall of Atlanta (Sept. 1864)

D. Re-election of Lincoln (Nov. 1864)

Make point: With fall of Atlanta but more importantly w/ re-election of Lincoln the final agony of the Confederacy begins.

*** South's chances of winning this war. Mention 1861 after Bull Run. Had Confederacy followed up with an a massive attack on Washington D.C. (European recognition and victory).

II. Gettysburg--Two Scenerios

A. New York Draft Riots (July 1863)

Secessionist sentiment was strong among the Irish, especially after the Emancipation Proclamation. (not that simple)

News of the Gettysburg battle and the casualties came with the first notification of names slated for the draft.

Irish names--O'Shaunessey, O'Dwyer, McManus, Riley, etc.

Irish were insensed that wealthy could buy substitutes and did not have to shoulder arms.

Rioting began w/ attacks on the draft board. Then they spread to the upscale manions of the wealthy along Gramercy Park and Lexington ave. Wealthy families barely escaped with their lives. It appeared that the specter of a class war in the midst of a civil war was about to become a reality in America.

By third day of the uprising the mobs began to attack the black sections of the city. A black orphanage was burned to the ground and at least 11 blacks were randomly lynched from lamp posts.

The July Draft Riot was the most violent civil uprising in our history.

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B. Lincoln's "Remarks" At Gettysburg--Reinventing America

See notes

III. ^{Dead War} Sherman and the Doctrine of Total War

A. War Becomes a Religious Crusade

1. Read excerpts from Lincoln's Second Inaugural

2. With Emancipation Proclamation--the freeing of the slaves and the recruitment of former bondsmen into the Union Army the beginning of the tearing apart of Southern Society had begun. A limited war was now about to be transformed into a ruthless and remorseless struggle. (War has it's own logic; it refuses to follow the dictates of its managers). [As the Chinese say: The God of Battle smashes the tofu).

B. Lincoln Finds his Generals: Sherman and Grant

West Point never taught a course on Ethics.
(Not introduced until 1976 after the cheating scandals)

B. Grant's Plan to End the War--Strategy of Raids

C. Appomattox/ Bennett's Farm