

History 225

McKnight

Re: Format/Questions for Linderman,  
Embattled Courage

Due: Report is due in class on March 2nd

Format: Report should be at least 3-4 typewritten pages  
in length and double-spaced.

Questions: [Treat as the main question]

1. Linderman's purpose is to give the reader a sense of what the Civil War--the most devastating of all American wars--was like from the "botton up." In dealing with the perceptions of the fighters, both Blue and Grey, Embattled Courage gives us an inside look at the changing nature of the war and how its participants (most were volunteers) adjusted to those changes.

In order to achieve this effect, Linderman divides the book into two parts, "Courage's War" and "A Perilous Education." Does his division make sense? In your eyes does Linderman achieve his purpose? Please discuss.

2. In his Epilogue, Linderman introduces another division between "Hibernation" and "Revival." Why? What does this section tell us about the culture of war in American society; the kind of country we are. [Treat this with a briefer response].

3. Overall, what were your strongest reactions to Embattled Courage? Does it illuminate or does it simply bang away at the obvious? Be brief but be candid.