

History 225

Re: Outline/Notes for Endgame--Bringing Ole Dixie Down  
BCF. Chpts. 27, 28, Epilogue

1. Begin w/ look at Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural Address  
Language and imagery of "holy war"
2. Go over Chpt. 27

The succession of hammer blows:

Battle of Franklin. Army of Tennessee disintegrates at battle of Nashville (first time in the war that an army is not only defeated but is hit so hard that it cannot be reconstituted).

Ft. Fisher is taken. This closes off any blockade running into Wilmington, N.C. The coils of the Anaconda are squeezing the life out of Lee's army on the Richmond-Petersburg front. (Grant, Sherman, Sheridan in the Valley, Army of Tennessee in ruins in the West; Union army moves into Alabama to deal with the last Confederate army on this side of the Mississippi. General Kirby's Army in Texas is isolated because the Union controls the Mississippi.

It is only a matter of time before Lee will have to surrender any hopes of keeping a conventional war going. It is checkmate at every turn. The only option open is to resort to guerilla warfare.

3. Sherman and Hard War

Sense of class: Was Sherman involved in "war crimes"--by that I mean waging cruel and unnecessary war against defenseless civilians and their property.

Use Mark Grimesly's conclusions from The Hard Hand of War (1996)

4. Remarks about the Spirit of Appomatox/ and Johnston's surrender to Sherman at Bennett's Place in North Carolina.
5. The "Lincoln Conspiracy"