

## Response to Readings: Monday, June 20, 2011

### Creating the Nation: The Revolutionary Era

**Response:** Answer the following question in 1 to 2 typed pages:

Was the American Revolution revolutionary? Why or why not?  
Cite specifics from the readings in your answer.

#### Reading: Secondary Sources

Walter McDougal, *Freedom Just Around the Corner* (New York: Harper Collins, 2004)

Chapter 8: "Sons of Liberty . . ."

Chapter 9: "Patriots, Tories . . ."

Chapter 10: "Federalists, Antis . . ."

Fred Anderson. "The Hinge of the Revolution: George Washington Confronts a People's Army, July 3, 1775." *Massachusetts Historical Review*, Vol. 1 (1999), pp. 20-48.

[http://hti.osu.edu/sites/default/files/anderson\\_hinge\\_of\\_the\\_revolution.pdf](http://hti.osu.edu/sites/default/files/anderson_hinge_of_the_revolution.pdf)

Richard Beeman. *Plain, Honest Men* (New York, Random House, 2009), pp. ix-xxvii, 3-21.

#### Reading: Primary Sources

The Declaration of Independence. In *Debates in the Federal Convention*, pp. xxvii-xxx.

On-line here: [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\\_century/declare.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/declare.asp)

The Newburgh Address. <http://www.earlyamerica.com/earlyamerica/milestones/newburgh/text.html>

Washington's Farewell Address to the Army <http://gwpapers.virginia.edu/documents/revolution/farewell/index.html>

The Articles of Confederation. In *Debates in the Federal Convention*, pp. xxi-xl.

On-line here: [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\\_century/artconf.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/artconf.asp)

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787. On-line here: [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\\_century/nworder.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/nworder.asp)

Selections from *The Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787*, reported by James Madison, ed. Gaillard Hunt and James Brown Scott (NY: Oxford, 1920, reprinted by Prometheus Books, 2007)

Pages and dates as follows: (You can find on-line by date here: [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\\_menus/debcont.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/debcont.asp) )

(a) p. 88 - (June 11, 1787) on 3/5 rule

(b) pp. 99-101 - (June 13, 1787) text of the Virginia Plan

(c) pp. 233-241 - (July 11, 1787) on 3/5 rule and racial equality

(d) pp. 351-355 - (Aug. 7, 1787) on suffrage qualifications

(e) pp. 358-361 - (Aug. 8, 1787) on slavery and slave trade

(f) pp. 429-430 - (Aug. 20, 1787) on sumptuary laws and the elastic clause

(g) pp. 443-447 - (Aug. 22, 1787) on slave trade (speech by George Mason)

(h) pp. 467-468 - (Aug. 25, 1787) on slave trade

(i) pp. 585-595 - letters outlining reasons for a new constitution

(j) pp. 596-598- text of the Pinckney Plan, especially point 24

*The Federalist number 54* (Madison's comments on slavery). [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\\_century/fed54.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/fed54.asp)

The United States Constitution and First Ten Amendments. In *Debates in the Federal Convention*, pp. 627-643.

On-line here: [http://constitutioncenter.org/ncc\\_edu\\_Text\\_of\\_the\\_Constitution.aspx](http://constitutioncenter.org/ncc_edu_Text_of_the_Constitution.aspx)