

## Zinn Assignments 6

### ZINN CHAPTER 6: STUDY QUESTIONS

"The Intimately Oppressed"

1. What is the theme of the reading?
2. How does treatment of women differ between societies based on private property and those based on communal living? Why?
3. How did the earliest female settlers in Virginia fare?
4. How were women treated on the frontier compared to those living in towns or cities?
5. How did English law affect the status of women in America?
6. How does Zinn use the case of Ann Hutchinson to support his basic argument?
7. How did the American Revolution affect women?
8. Explain the position of Abigail Adams vis-à-vis the role of women in America.
9. What social forces led to the onset of the "cult of true womanhood" or the "cult of domesticity?" Describe the woman's role in this philosophy.
10. How was dress used as a means of social control?
11. What rights were denied women in the "cult of true womanhood?"
12. How did workers' strikes in the 1830s and 1840s reflect the changing role of women?
13. What is the connection between primary school teaching and women's participation in reform movement of the 1830s, 1840s and 1850s?
14. Create a table for the women reformers discussed in the reading. (Note: you can do yourself a big favor by also including those female reformers Bailey mentions in order to create a comprehensive study list).