

Zinn Assignments 9_2

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Study Questions

1. How does Zinn justify that black abolitionists were the "backbone of the antislavery movement."
2. How does W.E.B. Du Bois characterize John Brown and his attack on Harper's Ferry?
3. For what reasons does Zinn criticize the national government when discussing Brown's execution?
4. Overall, how does Zinn characterize Lincoln? Provide examples.
5. Discuss the legal provisions of the Emancipation Proclamation (i.e., what did it do and what didn't it do?).
6. Explain Hofstadter's statement: The Emancipation Proclamation "had all the moral grandeur of a bill of lading."
7. What significance did the Emancipation Proclamation have on the war's outcome?
8. What caused draft riots in 1863?
9. As the Civil War wore on, how did the South respond vis-à-vis slaves?
10. How did black women play an important part in the war?
11. In general, what position did most slaves take during the war?
12. How did the treatment of blacks in the Union army and northern cities foreshadow the limitations of emancipation?