

Reading Selections *Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War*

Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. Part One: Imagining War

Geraldine Brooks, *March* [2005]

Selection from the anthology *America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on Their 150th Anniversaries* [2011]:

Louisa May Alcott, "Journal kept at the hospital, Georgetown, D.C." [1862].

Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. Part Two: Choosing Sides

Selections from the anthology *America's War*:

Frederick Douglass, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" [1852];

Henry David Thoreau, "A Plea for Captain John Brown" [1859];

Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address [March 4, 1861];

Alexander H. Stephens, "Cornerstone" speech [March 21, 1861];

Robert Montague, Secessionist speech at Virginia secession convention [April 1-2, 1861];

Chapman Stuart, Unionist speech at Virginia secession convention [April 5, 1861];

Elizabeth Brown Pryor, excerpt from *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through his Private Letters* [2007];

Mark Twain, "The Private History of a Campaign That Failed" [1885]; and

Sarah Morgan, excerpt from *The Diary of a Southern Woman* [May 9, May 17, 1862].

Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. Part Three: Making Sense of Shiloh

Selections from the anthology *America's War*:

Ambrose Bierce, "What I Saw of Shiloh" [1881];

Ulysses Grant, excerpt from the *Memoirs* [1885];

Shelby Foote, excerpt from *Shiloh* [1952];

Bobbie Ann Mason, "Shiloh" [1982]; and

General Braxton Bragg, speech to the Army of the Mississippi [May 3, 1862].

Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Part Four: The Shape of War

James M. McPherson, *Crossroad of Freedom: Antietam* [2002]

Selections from the anthology *America's War*:

Drew Gilpin Faust, excerpt from *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the Civil War* [2008];

Gary W. Gallagher, "The Net Result of the Campaign was in Our Favor: Confederate Reaction to 1862 Maryland Campaign" [1999].

Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. Part Five: War and Freedom

Selections from the anthology *America's War*:

Abraham Lincoln, address on colonization [1862];

John M. Washington, "Memorys [sic] of the Past" [1873];

Abraham Lincoln, Emancipation Proclamation [1863];

Frederick Douglass, "Men of Color, To Arms!" [March 1863];

Abraham Lincoln, letters to James C. Conkling [1863] and Albert G. Hodges [1864];

Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address [1863];

James S. Brisbin, report on U.S. Colored Cavalry in Virginia [Oct. 2, 1864];

Colored Citizens of Nashville, Tennessee, Petition to the Union Convention of Tennessee Assembled in the Capitol at Nashville [January 9, 1865];

Margaret Walker, excerpt from *Jubilee* [1966];

Leon Litwack, excerpt from *Been in the Storm So Long* [1979]; and

Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address, 1865.