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“GLORY”

This movie is about the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, formed in 1863 after the “Emancipation Proclamation.” This unit was led by Robert Gould Shaw, the son of prominent abolitionists, and this movie is, in part, based upon his letters.

CAST

Matthew Broderick.....	Colonel Robert Gould Shaw
Cary Elwes.....	Major Cabot Forbes
Denzel Washington.....	Private Trip - runaway slave
Morgan Freeman.....	Sgt. Major John Rawlins
Andre Braugher.....	Cpl. Thomas Searles (“Snowflake”)

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAPER.

1. Do you think Shaw was comfortable and confident taking command of the black unit? Explain why or why not.
2. Describe how Thomas/“Snowflake” is treated by the black soldiers? By the white officers? Explain why.
3. List at least three specific ways that the black soldiers are treated differently throughout the movie from the white soldiers in the Union army.
4. Explain why Colonel Shaw was so hard on the private that was such a good shot.
5. Do you think Shaw made a wise decision when he ordered Trip to be whipped as a deserter (someone who leaves the army without permission)? Explain why or why not.
6. Describe Colonel Montgomery’s (the leader of the contraband black unit) attitude about black soldiers. As a Union officer, why do you think he has these feelings?
7. What did Private Trip (Denzel Washington) mean when he told Colonel Shaw “I’m not fighting this war for you” and “ain’t nobody gonna win”?
8. Why does Colonel Shaw volunteer the 54th to attack Fort Wagner? Why does Shaw tell the reporter to “remember what you see here today”?
9. Do you feel that Colonel Shaw and the 54th Massachusetts accomplished any of their objectives? Explain why or why not.
10. Explain the symbolism and significance of the final scene of the movie involving Colonel Shaw and Private Trip.

SHORT ESSAYS

11. Select one of the main characters and describe how their personality and / or attitudes changed over the course of the film. Use examples to illustrate these changes.
12. Choose two memorable scenes from the film. Explain what was so memorable / important about each one.