

GLORY reaction response

DUE Wednesday, 1/7/15

Select ONE of the following two writing prompts about *Glory*. Your response must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted in hard copy.

A. Using BOTH main characters Col. Shaw and Private Tripp, choose **one other character** from the list below. Examine the **metamorphosis** of each character in the film. *Example: Was Robert Shaw a strong leader at the outset/beginning of the film? Why or why not? How was he viewed by others—his peers, his officers, his friends? Was this still evident by the end of the film? How did it change and why?*

- Cite and describe at least one specific moment in the film to illustrate your points with each character and his respective development throughout film.
 - Colonel Robert Gould Shaw (Matthew Broderick)
 - Tripp (Denzel Washington)
 - Major Cabot Forbes (Cary Elwes)
 - Sergeant Major John Rawlins (Morgan Freeman)
 - Thomas Searles (Andre Brauer)
 - Jupiter Sharks (Jihmi Kennedy)

- 8–11 paragraphs = 2–3 well-developed ¶s for each character, along with an introductory paragraph and conclusion.

B. You are a soldier in the 54th Massachusetts and you are writing a letter home to members of your family. **Describe what you've seen of the war.** What is it like to be a Union soldier? What is it like to be a member of the 54th? How would you describe battles and the war, overall?

- This letter should be two pages long—double-spaced and typed.
- The letter will be assessed for **specificity of evidence provided from the movie and characters** (see list from Option A above) and information from text and class notes, along with the quality of your writing.

Note: No need to attempt to copy the dialects of any soldiers—using your own voice is best.