

Civil War and Reconstruction  
History 3750  
Writing Assignment # 3

For your next assignment, please read all of the sources on Sherman's March to the Sea listed on the course website. Using these sources, write an essay in which you discuss the extent of warfare that Sherman's army carried on against civilians and their property during the March to the Sea. To what extent does this warfare meet the definition of total war as discussed in class? To what extent does it fall short? Do the different sources have differing perspectives on this question, and if so, how and why do they differ? What lessons for modern warfare can we draw from Sherman's March? What effects might Sherman's style of warfare have on Reconstruction? You should also discuss other issues that occur to you.

This essay should be typed and double-spaced. It must be a minimum of four and a maximum of five pages in length. It is due at the beginning of class on Friday 18 July.