

Text: *Women's Letters: America from the Revolutionary War to the Present*

**Part II:**

**Class 1: Independence and Expansion**

Readings from Text: (pagination refers to hardback book)

- Mary Dodd, 1817: Sept. 5 to Cherokee Woman, 1818, Jan. 15 (124-126)
- Z.D.R., 1824: May to Peggy and Susanna McIntosh, 1825, May 3 (128-132)
- Sarah Hodgdon, 1830: June to Elizabeth, 1830: August (133-136)
- Women of Augusta County, 1832: Jan. 19 to Helen Jewett, 1835: August (139-146)
- Sarah Mapps Douglass, 1837: Dec. to Lethe Jackson, 1838: April 18 (149-156)
- Lidian Jackson Emerson, 1838: April 23 (157-158)
- Sargry Brown 1840: Oct. 27 to Martha Coffin Wright, ca. 1841: Nov. 19 (164-168)
- "Between 1845-1860" (179-181)
- Tamsen Donner, 1846: June 16 (185-186)
- Virginia Reed, 1847: May 16 to Elizabeth Blackwell, 1847: Nov. 9 (188-195)
- Margaret McCarthy, 1850: Sept. 22 to Antoinette Blackwell, ca. 1850 (202-206)
- Postscript of Louisa McCord's letter (the last paragraph of letter on page 223) to Ellen Craft, 1852: Oct. 26 (223-224)
- Virginia Boyd, 1853: May 6 to Sarah Hicks Williams, 1853: Oct. 10 (226-229)
- Anna Palfrey, 1856: Feb. 15 to Vilet Lester, 1857: Aug. 29 (243-247)
- Addie Brown, 1859: Aug 30 to Mary Mauzy, 1859: Oct. 17 (250-252)
- Sarah Logue, 1860: Feb. 20 to Grace Bedell, 1860: Oct. 18 (255-258)
- Emily Dickinson, various dates (286-287; 288-289; 399)

### Readings Provided:

Selected Douglass papers, Louisa May Alcott letters/diary entries, passages from 1800s ladies magazines; Emily Dickenson Letters, Eleanor Agnes Lee diaries; selections from *Guide to the Stranger*; Selected contemporary poems; passages from *The Yellow Wife*

### **Class 2: Separation and Salvation**

- “The Civil War: 1861-1865” 259-263
- All 1861-1865 letters in Text, pages 265-334 (except Dickenson, read for Class 1);
- · “Between 1866-1869”
- · Read Frances Butler, 1866: April 12 to Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, 1870: Dec (341-362)

### **Provided:**

Selected Emilie Davis and Charlotte Forten diaries; Selected Rosetta Douglass writings  
Selected WPA narratives; “We Are All Bound Up Together” by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper; passages from GWTW, Poems from *Brief Evidence of Heaven*

### **Class 3: New Era, Old Wounds**

- Alice Kirk Grierson, 1871: Dec. 20 to Lucretia Garfield, 1879: Spring (367-381)
- Hannah Whitall Smith, 1882: Oct. 18 to Lucy Parsons, 1884: Oct. 4 (386-394)
- Lillian Waite Fleet, 1885: March 12 (396-397)
- Rose Williams, 1885: Sept. 27 (398-399)
- Helen Keller, 1887: June 17 to Mary Collins, 1889 (399-402)
- Ida B. Wells, 1894: May 21 to Virginia O’Hanlon, 1897: Dec. (409-410)
- “Modern Times: Between 1910-1928” (417-421)
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1900: Nov. 12 to “A Heart Broken Mother” 1901: Sept. 3 (423-428)
- Mother Jones, 1902: June 23 to Fannie Reed, 1904: Jan. 20 (430-434)
- Helen Keller, 1906: March 27 (435-437)

- Emma Gustafsson, 1909: April 5 (447-448)
- Edith Wharton, 1910: April to Eleanor Pruitt Stewart, 1912: Dec. 2 (449-460)
- Selected “Time Travel” letters from text

Provided: Selected passages from *Lilli De Jong*, *Orphan Train*, and *The Personal History of Rachel DuPree*, Text from Julia Buchanan journal; Letter from Nellie Walcroft