

*Congratulations!* You have been invited to a rare event: a meeting of some of the giants of history. This particular dinner party will honor the following individuals for their contributions to the grand historical narrative of our country.

Your task for this assignment will be to choose a new identity as an individual from the Antebellum period and research the life of this person. Then, on the day of the dinner party, you will assume the character of this person to share your story and answer questions from other reformers of this era.

Preparation:

- Complete document analysis worksheet for your primary source
- Complete “Getting to Know Yourself” worksheet
- Questions for guests at your table: You will be assigned to a table with a group of Antebellum people for the dinner party. Once you receive this assignment, you will develop two questions per person at your table from your person’s perspective. The questions should be open-ended instead on “one-word” answers. Your questions should demonstrate that you have basic knowledge of the life and type of work the each individual focused on.
- Create a costume or bring a prop related to your role (OPTIONAL)

Responsibilities

- Make sure you take on the persona of the person you are imitating. Do not step out of character. Remember, for this activity to be fun and meaningful each person **MUST** remain in character the whole time!
- During the dinner party, support discussion by responding to questions posed by the other guests or moderator.
- Actively engage in discussion by asking clarifying questions. Have your questions for the guests at your table typed or neatly written. Leave space to write down the answers.
- Highlight similarities and differences of opinion between yourself and others at the party.
- Feel free to bring in food/drink to make it a real dinner party. Just make sure to clear it with Mrs. Spencer first.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Per: \_\_\_\_\_

Antebellum Dinner Party

## *Getting to Know Yourself*

Assigned Role: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What do you think is the most important issue of our times?
2. What inspired you to become involved in the work that you do?
3. How were you educated?
4. Have you faced any challenges to your beliefs? By whom? Any violent challenges?
5. Do you know or have you worked with any others who are here today?
6. What do you think about
  - abolition?
  - women's rights?
  - temperance?
  - other moral reform?
  - religion and the role of religion in politics?
  - industrialization?
  - education?
  - the Mexican War?

**\*\*You may not find answers for all of these\*\***

Other guests invited to the dinner party:

Who will your person get along with? Why?

Who will your person not get along with? Why?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Per: \_\_\_\_\_

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Think of 2 questions/conversation topic you can bring up with each person. Also, think about what your opinion on that topic would be.

- **Guest #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

2 Questions/conversation topics you will bring up:

Your person's opinion: ONE SENTENCE

- **Guest #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

2 Questions/conversation topic you will bring up:

Your opinion:

- **Guest #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

2 Questions/conversation topics you will bring up:

Your opinion:

- **Guest #4:** \_\_\_\_\_

2 Questions/conversation topics you will bring up:

Your opinion: