**Unit 6 Project – The Dinner Party, July 4, 1854**

DIRECTIONS:

1. Project is due Friday, December 20, at the start of class. Each day late will result in one letter grade deduction in project grade.
2. You are to work in your assigned groups.
3. Papers will be assessed based on completeness in fulfilling project guidelines and on accuracy. Group members will receive the same grade, unless there is a letter, attached to the project, signed by all group members, which provides a detailed description of what each group member contributed.
4. Papers should be typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins on all sides. The exceptions to this are: a) the dinner conversation should have single-spaced dialogue with two spaces between speakers; b) the bibliography entries may be single-spaced.

PROJECT COMPONENTS:

1. List the eight guests at your dinner party. Keep in mind, the more diverse the guests, the more interesting the dinner party.
2. Describe the seating arrangements; with a brief explanation for the seating of each of your guests (a sketch of the table is optional).
3. You must give the opening toast. One to three lines should be plenty.
4. Approximately six pages (single-spaced) of dialogue among your guests. If you have two students in your group, the dialogue should fill four pages. *The dialogue must discuss at least three of the topics listed on the reverse of this sheet.* Each guest should be represented by *at least three* exchanges of ideas. If any action takes place among the guests, it should be described in graphic detail.
5. An annotated bibliography, which provides standard bibliographic information plus a sentence or two describing for what purpose(s) you used each source and any other pertinent reflections.
6. You will turn in all materials together with your group mates. You should collaborate closely on this project.

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**The Setting:** At your palatial home on Fifth Avenue, New York City, you and your spouse, Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Gramercy, have decided to invite eight of the most interesting people you know to a dinner partner to celebrate your impending eight week tour of Europe.

**Potential guests (choose eight from this list):**

President Franklin Pierce Miss Elizabeth Blackwell

Former President Millard Fillmore Miss Susan B. Anthony

the late president James K. Polk Miss Harriet Beecher Stowe

Senator Stephen Douglas Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Senator Thomas Hart Benton Miss Dorthea Dix

Mr. Fredrick Douglass Mrs. Harriet Tubman

Mr. Abraham Lincoln Mrs. Abby Kelley Foster

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Mrs. Amelia Bloomer

Mr. John Brown the late Miss Margaret Fuller

Mr. P.T. Barnum Mrs. Lucretia Mott

Mr. John Jacob Astor Mrs. Martha C. Wright

Mr. Brigham Young Mr. Walt Whitman

Mr. Sam Houston the late Mr. John C. Calhoun

Mr. Horace Greeley Mr. Theodore Parker

Mr. Chief Justice Roger B. Tanney Mr. William L. Garrison

Mr. Arthur and Mr. Lewis Tappan Mr. Henry David Thoreau

Mr. Samuel G. Howe Reverend Charles G. Finney

Mr. Ralph W. Emerson

**Potential topics of conversation (choose three):**

Slavery

The role of women

Industry

Westward expansion

Sectional differences

Recent advances in science

Religion in American life

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Pre-Party Check list

Eight guests

Open the Dinner Party with a toast

Topics of conversation

Six typed page record of the conversation between your guests

Annotated bibliography