Lincoln’s Constitution
Fall 2009
with Akhil Amar and James Oakes

Week 1:

Week 2:
Amar, America’s Constitution, 354-360.


Week 3: The Making of an Antislavery Constitutionalist

James Oakes, The Radical and the Republican, chap. 2.

James Oakes, “The Wrong and the Right of Property in Man.”


**Week 4: Becoming an Emancipationist**


James Oakes, “Trumbell’s Amendment.”

James Oakes, The Radical and the Republican, chaps. 4-5.


**Week 5: Lincoln and Civil Liberties**


Collected Works, v. VI, Letter to Erastus Corning and Others, June 12, 1863.

**Week 6:**

Amar, America’s Constitution, 349-477.

1862 opinion of Lincoln’s Attorney General, Edward Bates, on citizenship

Available at:

Letter from Edward Bates to Lincoln, dated July 5, 1861, on the habeas corpus issue

Available at:
Civil Rights Act of April 9, 1866
Available at:
http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=llsl&fileName=014/llsl014.db&recNum=58