I. Revolution as Necessity

1. Theorists

1. Fanon

a. *Wretched of the Earth*

b. “A Dying Colonialism”

c. *Black Skin, White Mask*

2. Memmi

a. *The Colonizer and the Colonized*

b. *The Pillar of Salt, Strangers*

B. Frantz Fanon

1. 1953 Blida- Joinville Psychiatric Hospital (Division of Public Health)

a. de-segregated

b. therapeutic innovations

2. Fanon’s radicalization

a. Algeria War for Independence 1954

b. patients/victims (last chapter of Wretched of the Earth)

3. secretly helped FLN 1954-1956

4. resigned in 1956

5. forced to leave Algeria (Letter of Expulsion)

6. Tunisia: joined and worked with FLN Provisional Government of Algeria

a. wrote for FLN newspaper

b. FLN Ambassador to Ghana

c. recon with ALN

7. Avoided two assassination attempts but wounded when jeep hit mine

8.Influence

a. Latin America: Che Guevera

b. South Africa: Steve Biko

c. Black Panthers: Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture), Huey Newton

d. Revolutionary movements in Sri Lanka, Ireland, Iran

C. Albert Memmi

1. Jewish born in Tunisia

2. Assimilation or not?

3. France

4. Both sides/Identified with colonized

D. Theory of colonialism and the necessity of revolution

1. Summary of Argument

a. colonizer dominates every institution of society

b. racism is the basis of colonialism (essentialism and race)

c. needs to be a complete break with colonizer

d. a revolution by the colonized is necessary

e. it is necessary that it is a violent revolution

f. violence is not just necessary, but morally justifiable

2. Philosophical/historical analysis of colonialism

a. situation of colonizer and colonized is the same as the

Master-Slave relationship

b. Not Hegel

i. necessary

ii. resolution (overcoming)

iii. both realize to be fully human requires “recognition” of the other’s humanity

c. but Sartre

i. existentialist philosopher

Being and Nothingness

Letter on Humanism

ii. playwright “No Exit”, novelist *Nausea*, short story, “The Wall”

iii. engaged intellectual

French resistance

Anti-colonial movement

iv. non-fiction *Anti-Semite and Jew*

v. anti-Semite and Jew as Master-Slave

vi. no dialectical overcoming

vii. “Being” of the anti-Semite is hate, being of Jew is “hated”

viii. frozen in relationship from which there is “no exit”

d. Colonizer and colonized as Master-Slave (Fanon and Memmi)

i. colonizer and colonized: relationship becomes reified

ii. asymmetrical power relationship: domination and subordination

iii. both master and slave become objects defined by the reified relationship (unfree)

iv. no overcoming, no recognition of humanness of other is possible

v. political negotiation and agreement merely masks and

reproduces relationship (decolonization)

vi. nationalism reproduces the relationship as the elite

take the place of the colonizer

vii. colonizer and colonized frozen in a relationship of “unfreedom”

viii. violence is necessary to shatter the system of domination (violence)

ix. violence is moral because restores the humanity