Bork/ Thomas Questions

1. What was the war on Bork? Do you think it was a war?

2. What are the various factors Ms. Garment looks at in trying to find an explanation as to why Bork was not confirmed?

3. Based on her views, which do you think was most important?

4. Do Taylor and Kropp, in the letters section, writing a rebuttal for People For The American Way, adequately rebut her claims. Does she then adequately answer the Taylor/Kropp critique in her rebuttal at the end of the letters section.

5. Based on the Republican Party case, Caperton, the Thomas confirmation process and Bork nomination process, what is your explanation for the War and the outcomes.

6. Can you see a strategy that might have lead to Bork's confirmation

7. What were similarities and differences between Bork and Thomas hearings?

8. What are the similarities and differences race played in Bork and Thomas hearings. Find at least 4 sets of distinctions and there are many more pairs than that, some obvious, and some not so obvious.

9. Make sure you know what the following were: (1) The Saturday Night Massacre, noted toward beginning of Bork piece; (2) John T. Baker story, noted toward end of Bork piece.

10. Why is the Thomas article entitled, “Why Anita Hill Lost?”

11. At least 4 Senators who played a role in both confirmations and are discussed in both articles: Biden, Kennedy, Metzenbaum, and Spector. What role did each, and in some cases their staff, play?