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Books to read:

"Hidden Americans" : Maroons of Virginia and the Carolina's," by
 Hugo Leaming-Bey
 "Maroon Societies" , Richard Price
 "To Be Free" , Herbert Aptheker
 "The Exiles of Florida" , J.R. Giddings
 " Black Indians", William L. Katz
 "Underground Railroad" , William Still
 " But We Have No Country" , Ella Forbes

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Thus, the author having himself spent decades as part of a similar 1960's generated "Movement", can readily recognize the same type of altruism that he's been fortunate enough to witness amongst his own comrades (latter day "Friends").

Clearly then, this moral and humane endeavor played a major role in "forcing" the entire country to ultimately involve itself in a bloody clash to resolve the slavery issue. Yes, the emerging industrial system in the north, depending as it did on "wage slavery" was on a collision course with the south's system of "unpaid labor". Never the less, on the eve of the Civil War, there were more "millionaire" (slavers) in the Mississippi Delta then could be found in all areas outside of it-- a Southern Aristocracy that had absolutely no intention or incentive to abolish slavery. If anything, they were busy trying to spread it to the lands from which the Amerindians were being pushed off. Consequently, if the "U.G.R.R. and the abolitionist had not forced them to "panic" and secede from the Union"- provoking the Civil War- there's no telling how many more decades their system could have survived!

Thus, the U.G.R.R. stands as the most "Militant Egalitarian Movement" this country has ever seen. Others have come close; Women's Suffrage Movement, Labor Movement, Civil Rights Movement and the Anti Vietnam War Movement. But it's beyond argument to suggest that any of those movements had to tackle and defeat the most heinous form of oppression known: chattel slavery!

In a separate category, however, must be placed the Black, Native American, Puerto Rican and Chicano/Mexicano "Liberation Movements". Militant is not a word that fits these struggles' needs. They need "Revolutionary" changes, something never sought by the U.G.R.R. or most Abolitionist.

Finally, from my studies, it seems as though history is reluctant to bring forth the type of mass selflessness displayed by the participants in the U.G.R.R. – except once every few generations. Maybe the following generation(s) just feel as though they should rest and collect and enjoy the fruits of their forerunners sacrifices.

That said, the author challenges readers to more closely study the resistance to slavery in North America, and then look in the mirror and ask yourself just where you fit in the historical drama? How do you measure up to the generations out-lined here, on events try very accom-



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that had so much effect until today's oppressors hard to keep their "Real" plishments hidden?

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