19th Century American Literature

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*Django Unchained* Plot Summary: Part 1

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| 1. | Time | Setting | Description | Notes |
| 2. | 00:00:00 | Exterior:  Trail | Django and other slaves walking in chains with two slave traders on horseback: the Speck brothers. | The conditions of the trail change from hot to cold, from desert to forest. Is this important? |
| 3. | 00:03:15 | Exterior:  Trail | Dr. Shultz tries to buy the slave Django. Speck Brothers refuse. He kills one and takes Django. He releases the other slaves and they kill the other brother. | What is the significance of Dr. Shultz’s former occupation, a dentist? |
| 4. | 00:12:55 | Exterior:  Texas town;  Interior: bar | Townspeople are shocked to see Django on a horse. They then go into a bar, where Django is not allowed. They make an agreement: Django will help Dr. Shultz find the Brittle brothers and then be free to go. |  |
| 5. | 00:18:35 | Exterior: town street | Town Sheriff Bill Sharp confronts Dr. Shultz and Django and is killed by Dr. Shultz. |  |
| 6. | 00:19:55 | Exterior: town street | U.S. Marshall Gill Tatum confronts Dr. Shultz and learns that he is a bounty hunter and that Sharp is a wanted murder. He must pay Shultz $200. |  |
| 7. | 00:23:35 | Exterior: camp (I) | Dr. Shultz asks Django what he plans to do after he is free. Django tells him that he wants to find his wife. |  |
| 8. | 00:24:48 | Flashback:  previous owner | We learn that Django and his wife attempted to escape but their owner, Old Man Carrucan, caught them and sold them separately as punishment | Old Man Carrucan said, “You’ve got sand Django!” What does this mean and why is it important? |
| 9. | 00:25:35 | Exterior: camp (II) | Django tells Dr. Shultz his wife’s name: Brunhilda Von Shaft. |  |
| 10. | 00:26:50 | Interior: clothing shop | Dr. Shultz tells Django that he will be “acting” a part in order to catch the Brittle brothers and buys him clothing to look like his valet. | Throughout the film the clothing that the characters wear is very important? What does the costume Django chooses say about him? |
| 11. | 00:28:03 | Exterior: Bennett plantation | Dr. Shultz and Django arrive at the plantation where they believe the Brittle brothers are working. Django goes to look for them and finds two them preparing to beat a slave for breaking eggs. | Note the words from the Bible quoted by Brittle and pages of the Bible pinned to his clothing. What does this mean? |
| 12. | 00:32:58 | Flashback: previous owner | Seeing Brittle preparing to whip the slave reminds him of when they whipped his wife. |  |
| 13. | 00:34:15 | Exterior: Bennett plantation | Django shoots one Brittle brother and beats the other one before shooting him as well. Dr. Shultz kills the third brother before he can escape. Bennett is angry but can’t do anything because they are bounty hunters. |  |
| 14. | 00:40:30 | Exterior: night camp | Bennett and a mob of masked white men attempt to kill Dr. Shultz and Django but they are disappointed. Django kills Bennett and many others are killed or injured when Dr. Shultz blows up the wagon. | Southern men often wear white masks when attempting to kill or beat blacks (See the Ku Klux Klan, or KKK). In this scene their masks make them blind. What does this say about the culture of racial violence? |