**Robber Barons or Captains of Industry**

**Directions:** Using the resources below and your book, complete the attached worksheet for your industrialist. You will share/discuss your findings in class.

**Andrew Carnegie**  *It shall be the rule for the workman to be Partner with Capital, the man of affairs giving his business experience, the working man in the mill his mechanical skill, to the company, both owners of the shares and so far equally interested in the success of their joint efforts.* —Andrew Carnegie

From the EDSITEment resource:

* [American Memory](http://memory.loc.gov/)
* [Today in History](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/today/mar12.html)
* [Edgar Thomson Works, Carnegie Steel Co](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/i?ammem/detr:@field%28NUMBER+@band%28det+4a10296%29%29) (Click on any of the images for photographs.)
* From [America's Library](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi), a link from the EDSITEment resource [American Memory](http://memory.loc.gov/)
* [Andrew Carnegie](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/carnegie/aa_carnegie_phil_i_r.html)
* [Andrew Carnegie Grows Up Working](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/carnegie/aa_carnegie_work_1.html) (Click "Next" for succeeding pages.)
* [Andrew Carnegie and His Parents](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/carnegie/aa_carnegie_parents_1.html) (Click "Next" for succeeding pages.)
* [Andrew Carnegie Philanthropist](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/carnegie/aa_carnegie_phil_1.html) (Click "Next" for succeeding pages.)
* From [The Richest Man in the World: Andrew Carnegie](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/) on [The American Experience](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/index.html), a link from the EDSITEment resource [Internet Public Library](http://www.ipl.org/) (NOTE: This site contains a great deal of information and documents relating to Carnegie, including those listed below.)
* [Letters about the Homestead Strike](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/sfeature/mh_letters.html)
* [Information about the Carnegie Mansion](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/gallery/carnegieman.html)
* [Carnegie Biography](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/peopleevents/pande01.html)
* [Interactive Timeline](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/timeline/f_timeline.html) ([Frames Version](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/timeline/timeline/timeline.html); [Text Only Version](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/timeline/timeline2.html))
* [The Two Andrews](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/sfeature/meet_andrews.html)
* [Scotland to America](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/sfeature/meet_scotland.html)
* [Welcome to Pittsburgh](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/sfeature/meet_pittsburg.html)
* [Love Carnegie Style](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/sfeature/meet_love.html)
* [The Wrong Career Path?](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/sfeature/meet_wrongpath.html)
* [The American Experience | Andrew Carnegie | Gilded Age](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/gildedage.html)
* [How to Succeed in Life by Andrew Carnegie](http://www.clpgh.org/exhibit/neighborhoods/oakland/oak_n751.html) on the EDSITEment resource [Learner.org](http://www.learner.org/)
* [The Gospel of Wealth](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1889carnegie.html) on [The Internet Modern History Sourcebook](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html), an extension of the EDSITEment resource [The Internet Medieval Sourcebook](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html)

**Cornelius Vanderbilt**  *I have been insane on the subject of moneymaking all my life.* —Cornelius Vanderbilt  *You have undertaken to cheat me. I won't sue you, for the law is too slow. I'll ruin you.* —Cornelius Vanderbilt

From the EDSITEment resource:

* [HarpWeek](http://www.harpweek.com/)
* [Cartoon, "The Great Race for the Western Stakes"](http://loc.harpweek.com/LCPoliticalCartoons/IndexDisplayCartoonMedium.asp?SourceIndex=People&IndexText=Fisk%2C+James&UniqueID=33&Year=1870) (and brief text)
* [A Ferry to a Fortune](http://pbskids.org/bigapplehistory/business/topic2.html) on [PBS](http://www.pbs.org/)
* A [Business Biography of Cornelius Vanderbilt](http://web.archive.org/web/20110709134340/http://www.stfrancis.edu/content/ba/ghkickul/stuwebs/bbios/biograph/vanderbi.htm), available via a link from the EDSITEment resource [Links to the Past](http://www.cr.nps.gov/)
* ["Cornelius Vanderbilt" and "The Erie Railroad Wars"](http://web.archive.org/web/20100610022926/http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/lectures/lecture05.html) (move down the page until you locate the sections entitled "Cornelius Vanderbilt" and "The Erie Railroad Wars") from [American History 102: Civil War to the Present](http://web.archive.org/web/20100216040319/http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/index.html), a link from the EDSITEment resource [History Matters](http://historymatters.gmu.edu/)

**J. Pierpont Morgan**

From the EDSITEment resource:

* [Learner.org](http://www.learner.org/)
* [Labor Union versus Morgan](http://www.learner.org/biographyofamerica/prog17/transcript/page04.html)
* [Brief Biography](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/1900/peopleevents/pande10.html) from [The American Experience](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/index.html), a link from the EDSITEment resource [Internet Public Library](http://www.ipl.org/)
* [Biography of Morgan](http://www.themorgan.org/about/history.asp) from [Morgan Library](http://www.themorgan.org/about/default.asp) a link from the EDSITEment resource [American Memory](http://memory.loc.gov/)
* [First Public Demonstration of Edison's Light Bulb](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/gilded/jb_gilded_edison_1.html) from [America's Library](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi), a link from the EDSITEment resource [American Memory](http://memory.loc.gov/)
* [Morgan Finances Edison](http://americanhistory.si.edu/lighting/scripts/s19c.htm) on [The Smithsonian Museum of American History](http://americanhistory.si.edu/). (Note: This archival document and the previous article are here for their reference to Morgan as one of Edison's "main investors," showing how a financier like Morgan contributed to the American economy and quality of life.)

**John D. Rockefeller**

* From [American Experience: The Rockefellers](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/) from PBS
* [John D. Rockefeller Timeline](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/timeline/index.html)
* [The Rockefellers People](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/peopleevents/index.html)
* [Biography of John D. Rockefeller, Senior](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/peopleevents/p_rock_jsr.html)
* [Paragraph on Rockefeller's cornering of the market and game](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/sfeature/sf_2.html)
* [Annotated Timeline](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/timeline/index.html)
* [Rockefeller's Mark on America: Interactive Map](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/maps/map_fs.html)
* [Critical Letter to the *NY Times* about Rockefeller](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/filmmore/ps_overkill.html)
* [Letters to Rockefeller Requesting Donations](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/filmmore/ps_overkill.html)
* [Standard Oil of New Jersey](http://web.archive.org/web/20100401110013/http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/lectures/lecture05.html) (move down the page until you locate the section entitled "Standard Oil of New Jersey") on [American History 102: Civil War to the Present](http://web.archive.org/web/20100216040319/http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/index.html), a link from the EDSITEment resource [History Matters](http://historymatters.gmu.edu/)

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Directions: Complete the attached worksheet for your assigned individual.

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|  | Assigned Industrialist | Resources Used |
| How he acquired his wealth. |  |  |
| How he (or his related industries) treated workers. |  |  |
| How he spent his money. |  |  |
| How he donated his money |  |  |

In one paragraph is he a robber baron or captain of industry? Use specific information from above.