

Captains of Industry or Robber Barons? Assessment

This assessment examines the role of major business leaders during the Industrial Revolution. Students will evaluate whether these leaders were considered "Captains of Industry" or "Robber Barons."

Part I: Multiple Choice

1. Which term refers to wealthy industrial leaders accused of using unfair business practices?

- A. Reformers
- B. Robber Barons
- C. Abolitionists
- D. Populists

2. Which businessman dominated the oil industry?

- A. Andrew Carnegie
- B. Henry Ford
- C. John D. Rockefeller
- D. Thomas Edison

3. Why were some industrialists called "Captains of Industry"?

- A. They commanded ships
- B. They improved the economy and created jobs
- C. They supported foreign wars
- D. They invented airplanes

4. Which industrialist became famous for the steel industry?

- A. Andrew Carnegie
- B. Cornelius Vanderbilt
- C. J.P. Morgan
- D. Alexander Graham Bell

5. What is a monopoly?

- A. A workers' strike
- B. A type of factory
- C. Complete control of an industry
- D. A labor union

6. Which transportation industry was Cornelius Vanderbilt known for?

- A. Railroads
- B. Airplanes
- C. Steel

D. Oil

7. What was one major criticism of Robber Barons?

- A. They paid workers too much
- B. They ignored profits
- C. They exploited workers and crushed competition
- D. They avoided technology

8. Which idea stated that wealthy people should donate to help society?

- A. Manifest Destiny
- B. Gospel of Wealth
- C. Popular Sovereignty
- D. Isolationism

Part II: Fill in the Blank with Word Bank

Word Bank: monopoly, unions, oil, steel, Wealth

1. Andrew Carnegie became wealthy through the _____ industry.

2. John D. Rockefeller controlled much of the _____ industry.

3. A company with complete control over a business area is called a _____.

4. Workers formed _____ to fight for better wages and conditions.

5. The Gospel of _____ encouraged the rich to give back to society.