

# Captains of Industry or Robber Barons?

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## Understanding Key Business Leaders of the Industrial Revolution

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Answer the following questions based on what you learned about the industrial leaders and their impact on society.*

**1.** What key business leaders did we study during the Industrial Revolution, and what were their main contributions?

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**2.** What was one common characteristic of the business leaders we discussed?

- A. They all started wealthy
- B. They were skilled in their work
- C. They all avoided philanthropy

**3.** Andrew Carnegie was known for his ruthless business methods and did not give back to society.

True       False

**4.** According to Proverbs 22:29, a skilled man will stand before \_\_\_\_; he won't stand before obscure men.

**5.** Explain how someone can be both helpful and harmful to society using an example from the lesson.

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**6.** What responsibility do wealthy business leaders have to society?

- A. To only make a profit
- B. To improve the community
- C. To ignore social issues

**7.** Philanthropy was a significant aspect of the legacies of Carnegie and Rockefeller.

True       False

**8.** Colossians 3:23 teaches us to work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for \_\_\_\_.

**9.** What makes a true leader according to the discussions in our lesson?

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**10.** Which of the following was a debate topic in our lesson?

- A. Is technology always good?
- B. Were business leaders heroes or villains?
- C. Should we stop all businesses?

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Answer Key

1. We studied Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, and Cornelius Vanderbilt. Carnegie was known for steel production, Rockefeller for oil, and Vanderbilt for railroads. They transformed industries and the economy in America. 2. They were skilled in their work 3. False 4. kings 5. A business leader like Rockefeller helped create jobs and provided affordable oil, but his methods often harmed competitors and exploited workers. This shows how he had both positive and negative effects on society. 6. To improve the community 7. True 8. men 9. A true leader is someone who not only achieves great things but also cares for others and uses their success to help the community. They should act with integrity and responsibility. 10. Were business leaders heroes or villains?