



Robber Barons or Captains of Industry

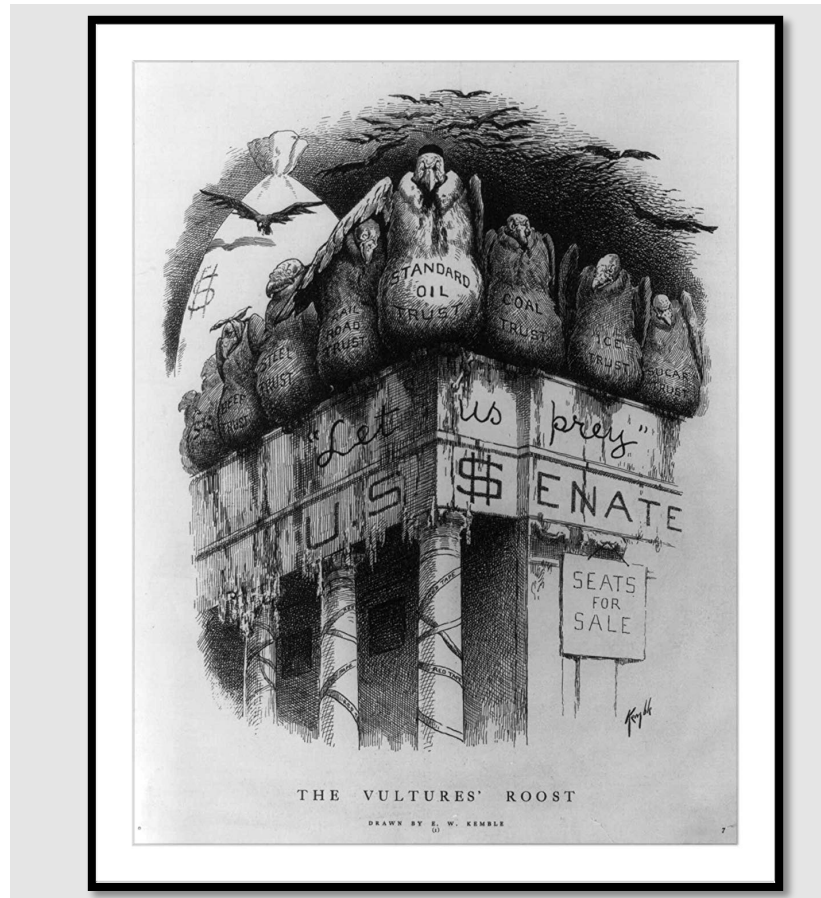
Period 6 Activity 1

America's Gilded Age & Imperialism

Grading Rubric:

For this project, you will be graded using the following rubric:

Points Earned:	Explanation:
100	Students can identify at least 3 industrialists of the Gilded Age, and can explain why they should be classified as 'robber barons' or 'captains of industry.'
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60	Students can identify 1 industrialists of the Gilded Age, and can explain why they should be classified as 'robber barons' or 'captains of industry.'
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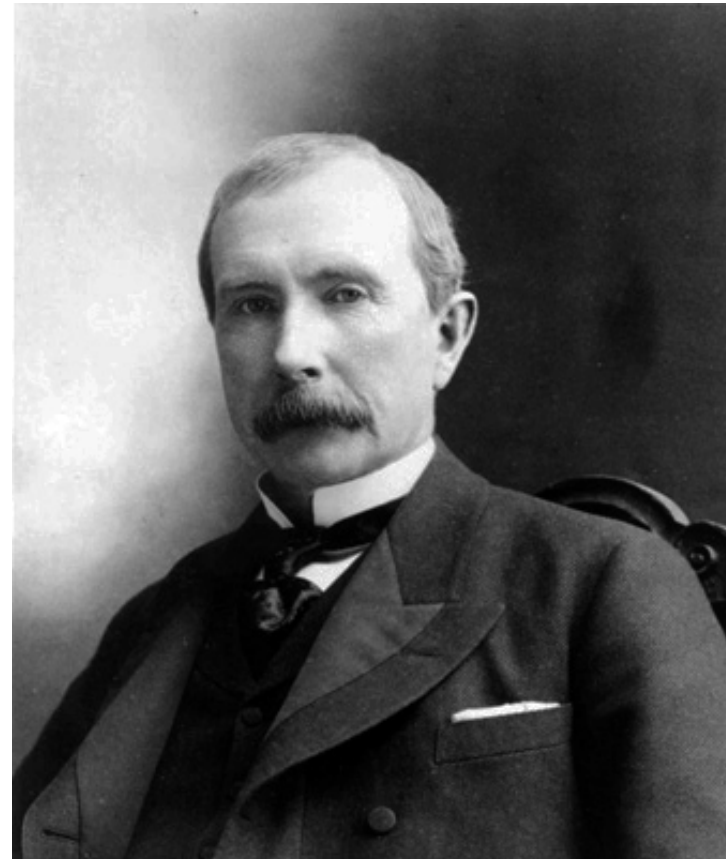


AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

THE GILDED AGE

EXTENDED CLIP

Robber Baron or Captain of Industry



- **What is a “robber baron”?**
 - A business owner or executive who acquires wealth through ethically questionable tactics.
 - An American capitalist of the later part of the 19th century who became wealthy through exploitation.
- **What is a “captain of industry”?**
 - A business leader whose means of amassing a personal fortune contributes positively to the country in some way.

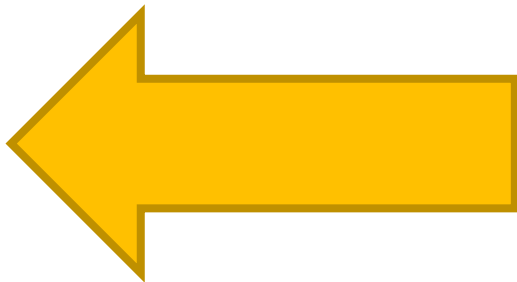
Brainstorm...

- Take 2 minutes...
 - As a group, brainstorm some words or phrases that you could use to identify a robber baron or a captain of industry.
 - List these on your own graphic organizer for reference.



Organize your Thoughts...


- Take 1 minute...
 - Now, make a group list on a sticky note.
 - Place your sticky note on the board What stuck board.





Who are the Gilded Age Industrialists...



- **Your team (pairs or trios) will now “research” six industrialists from the beginning of the Gilded Age.**
 - **Read the biography cards provided in the confidential packet and rank this individual based on the following scale:**
 - 1. Definitely a Robber Baron**
 - 2. Somewhat a Robber Baron**
 - 3. Neither a Robber Baron nor a Captain of Industry**
 - 4. Somewhat a Captain of Industry**
 - 5. Definitely a Captain of Industry**
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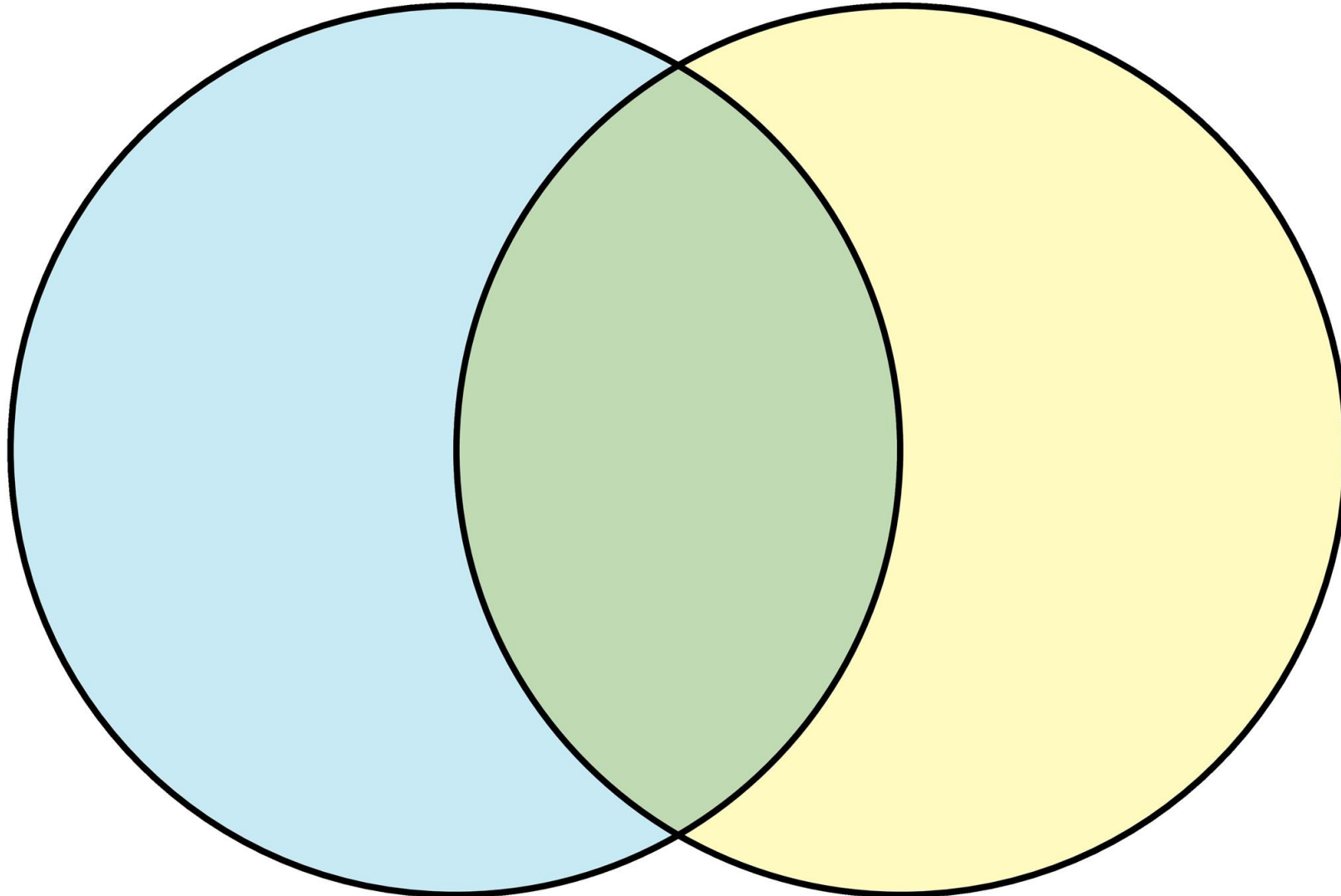
Sticky Notes for the Win!

- As a team, write ONE sticky note for each industrialist identifying your group rating.
- Place the sticky notes on the VENN diagram (next slide) when done.



Get VENN-Y With It...

**Robber
Barons**



**Captains
of
Industry**

On Your Own...

- **Explain the reason for your decision:**
 - **Please reference our definitions of a ‘robber baron’ and a ‘captain of industry’.**
 - **This is an independent activity – no discussion! (5 minutes)**



Exit Ticket...

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