Document A

Source: Library of Congress/ Puck Magazine

Document Analysis

1. In the cartoon above, who do the men at the top of the image represent? What are they sitting on?

2. In the same cartoon, who do the men at the bottom of the image represent? What are they trying to do?

3. What are some of the industries depicted in the cartoon?

4. What is the point that the artist is trying to make with this cartoon?
Document B

Source: Andrew Carnegie, *Wealth and Its Uses* (1907)

“It will be a great mistake for the community to shoot the millionaires, for they are the bees that make the most honey, and contribute most to the hive even after they have gorged themselves full.” ~ Andrew Carnegie

“While the law [of competition] may be sometimes hard for the individual, it is best for the race, because it insures the survival of the fittest in every department. We accept and welcome, therefore, as conditions to which we must accommodate ourselves, great inequality of environment, the concentration of business, industrial and commercial, in the hands of the few, and the law of competition between these, as being not only beneficial, but essential for the future progress of the race.” ~ Andrew Carnegie

Source: Andrew Carnegie, *The Gospel of Wealth* (1889)

“Thus the problem of Rich and Poor to be solved. The laws of accumulation will be left free; the laws of distribution free. Individualism will continue, but the millionaire will be a trustee for the poor; entrusted for a season with a great part of the increased wealth of the community, but administering it for the community far better than it could or would have done itself.” ~ Andrew Carnegie

Document Analysis

1. In the first quote from Carnegie in *Wealth and Its Uses*, what does Carnegie mean by “contribute most to the hive?”

2. In the second quote from *Wealth and Its Uses*, what does Carnegie mean by “survival of the fittest?” What concept is Carnegie promoting with this quote?

3. What do you think Carnegie means by “the problem of the Rich and Poor”?

4. In the first quote from *Wealth and Its Uses*, and in the quote from *The Gospel of Wealth*, what does Carnegie argue is the role of the millionaire in relation to the community?

5. What is the overall point that Carnegie is trying to make with these quotes?
This, then, is held to be the duty of the man of wealth: First, to set an example of modest, unostentatious living, shunning display or extravagance; ... and, after doing so, to consider all surplus revenues which come to him simply as trust funds, which he is called upon to administer... to produce the most beneficial results for the community—the man of wealth thus becoming the mere trustee and agent for his poorer brethren, bringing to their service his superior wisdom, experience and ability to administer, doing for them better than they would or could do for themselves."

—From "Wealth," by Andrew Carnegie, North American Review (1889)

Document Analysis
1. In this quote from "Wealth," what example should the “man of wealth” set?

2. In this quote from "Wealth," how should the “man of wealth” administer the trust fund of his surplus revenues?

3. According to Carnegie, what does the man of wealth have that “his poorer brethren” doesn’t (besides money)?

4. Does this quote indicate that Carnegie is a Captain of Industry or a Robber Baron?
Document D

THE GREAT RACE FOR THE WESTERN STAKES 1870

Document Analysis

1. In the cartoon above, who do the two men represent? What are they doing?

2. What are the two men talking about?

3. What is the artist trying to say in the cartoon?

4. Does this cartoon indicate that Vanderbilt is a Captain of Industry or a Robber Baron?
Document E

Source: Horace Taylor, The Verdict, Sept. 25, 1899

Document Analysis

1. According to the cartoon, who controls the national government - the American people or large corporations?

2. Who represents the trusts in this cartoon?

3. What industry did this representative dominate?

4. What are some symbols of industry represented in this cartoon?

5. The title of this cartoon is “The Trust Giants Point Of View.” What is the point of view of the “trust giants?”

6. Does this cartoon identify American entrepreneurs as “Captains of Industry” or as “Robber Barons?”
Document F

Source: http://www.dcte.udel.edu/hlp/resources/lessons/lesson2b/2b_2.pdf

Historian B 1953

“Much of the blame heaped on the captains of industry in the late 19th century is unwarranted. Although people like Rockefeller used methods that were ethically questionable, the kind of monopolistic control that they exercised was a natural response to the cutthroat competition of the period and reflected the trend toward business consolidation in all industrial nations. The captains of industry like Rockefeller were innovators, thinkers, planners, and bold entrepreneurs who imposed upon American industry a more rational and efficient pattern. They also created a model of philanthropy for all to follow. Had it not been for these captains of industry, the free world might have lost the first world war and most certainly have lost the second.”

Document Analysis

1. What view does Historian B have of Gilded Age entrepreneurs? How does he/she describe them?

2. Does the historian admit that the methods of the businessmen of the period are unethical?

3. What does Historian B consider to be the entrepreneur’s major contributions to the free world?

4. Is the quote from Historian B a primary or secondary source?

5. What is the overall message presented in the quote?
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