

Men Who Built America Persuasive Essay
Captain of Industry or Robber Baron?

Name: _____

Assignment:

- Choose one of the main characters from the video (Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Morgan, or Ford) and make the argument that they were either a: Captain of Industry or Robber Baron

- Write a 5 paragraph persuasive essay proving your argument with supporting details
 - Step 1: Complete an outline of your essay (on back of this page)
 - Step 2: Type a rough draft of your essay
 - Step 3: Read through your draft and do a self edit
 - Step 4: Have a peer edit your essay (sign bottom of rubric after they have)
 - Step 5: Have an adult/parent edit your essay (sign bottom of rubric after they have)

Rubric:

Paragraph 1:

- Tells us which character you chose and if you think they were a Captain of Industry or a Robber Baron in a strong introductory sentence.
- Lists the three main ideas you have to support your point of view
- Contains at least 4 quality sentences _____/12

Paragraph 2:

- First main idea is clearly the topic of this paragraph.
- At least 3 meaningful supporting details about the main idea.
- Written clearly and neatly, a minimum of 4 quality sentences _____/12

Paragraph 3:

- Second main idea is clearly the topic of this paragraph
- At least 3 meaningful supporting details about the main idea.
- Written clearly and neatly, a minimum of 4 quality sentences _____/12

Paragraph 4:

- Third main idea is clearly the topic of this paragraph
- At least 3 meaningful supporting details about the main idea.
- Written clearly and neatly, a minimum of 4 quality sentences _____/12

Paragraph 5:

- Summarizes the essay
- Returns to the main ideas from paragraph 1 (main ideas from paragraph 2-4)
- Written clearly and neatly, a minimum of 3 quality sentences _____/12

Outline of Paper Completed and Turned in _____/4

Peer Edited My Rough Draft: _____ (Signature) _____/4

Parent/Guardian Edited My Rough Draft: _____ (Signature) _____/4

Total: ____/72

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All Essays Are Due On or Before: _____

Outline Format:

- I. Introduction Paragraph
 - a. Introductory sentence
 - b. Main idea 1
 - c. Main idea 2
 - d. Main idea 3

- II. Paragraph #2
 - a. Main topic of paragraph (Main idea 1 from Introduction Paragraph)
 - i. Supporting Detail 1
 - ii. Supporting Detail 2
 - iii. Supporting Detail 3

- III. Paragraph #3
 - a. Main topic of paragraph (Main idea 2 from Introduction Paragraph)
 - i. Supporting Detail 1
 - ii. Supporting Detail 2
 - iii. Supporting Detail 3

- IV. Paragraph #4
 - a. Main topic of paragraph (Main idea 3 from Introduction Paragraph)
 - i. Supporting Detail 1
 - ii. Supporting Detail 2
 - iii. Supporting Detail 3

- V. Conclusion Paragraph
 - a. Sentence summarizing the main idea of your essay
 - b. Main idea 1
 - c. Main idea 2
 - d. Main idea 3

Hints:

- You can have more than 3 supporting details in paragraphs 2-4
- Make sure you are persuasive, that you are proving whether they were a Captain of Industry or Robber Baron
- Make sure you use complete sentences, and check your spelling and grammar
- Make sure your introduction makes it clear what you are proving in your paper
- Make sure your conclusion makes it clear what your essay was about
- The facts that you use need to come from the video and your notes. No outside sources will be used.