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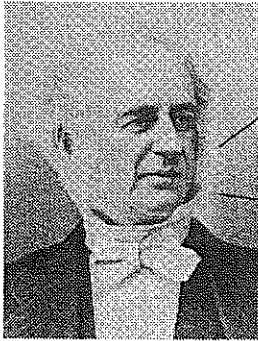
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UNIT 1
WORKSHEET 2

The Robber Barons Speak

Directions: The “Gilded Age” was dominated by incredibly wealthy leaders of industry and finance. Most of them were ruthless in pursuit of their own interests, and so were called “robber barons.” Can you match each quote and description with the correct name?

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| J. P. Morgan | Cornelius Vanderbilt | Andrew Carnegie |
| Jay Gould | John D. Rockefeller | James “Big Jim” Fisk |



“Law? What do I care about law? Hain’t I got the power?”

“The public be damned!”

1. Richest and most powerful of the railroad magnates.

Who: _____



“Some people are born to be good, other people are born to be bad. I was born to be bad.”

2. Flashy schemer who took control of the gold market and the Erie Railroad; shot to death by a romantic rival.

Who: _____



“I am not in Wall Street for my health.”

3. The nation’s most powerful banker; his bank was named after him.

Who: _____

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“Individualism has gone,
never to return.”

4. Man who controlled the nation’s oil industry through his monopoly, Standard Oil.

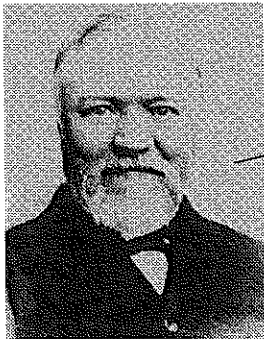
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“I can hire one half the
working class to kill
the other half.”

5. Co-schemer in the Erie Railroad and gold market scandals; went on to own Union Pacific Railroad and Western Union.

Who: _____



“No idol is more
debasings than the
worship of money.”

6. Man who controlled the nation’s steel industry through the company named after him.

Who: _____

Challenge Question: Is it fair to describe Andrew Carnegie as a “robber baron”? After all, he gave away \$350 million of his \$400 million fortune before he died.