

The Men Who Built America

Name _____ Hour _____

Episode: A New War Begins (43 min)

After the Civil War, America was still divided. Many around the globe thought the American experiment with Democracy had failed. A new dawn was approaching. A dawn of Capitalism was being ushered in by visionaries who were able to make millions off of an ever-growing country and economy.

Cornelius Vanderbilt

- 1) What happened on April 14th, 1865?
- 2) At 16, Cornelius Vanderbilt buys a small _____ with a \$100 loan.
- 3) **True** **False** Vanderbilt was a tough guy who often got in scraps (fights) as a young man.
- 4) What was Vanderbilt's nickname?
- 5) Vanderbilt sells all of his ships and invests everything he has in _____.
- 6) By the end of the war, how much was Vanderbilt worth in today's money?
- 7) Who did Vanderbilt lose in the war?
- 8) Vanderbilt owns the only bridge into _____.
- 9) What does he do to that bridge?
- 10) Vanderbilt's competitor's stock dropped soon after. What did he do with that stock?
- 11) What was the name of the new station Vanderbilt constructed in New York City? How big was it?
- 12) Vanderbilt now owns _____% of America's train lines.
- 13) To make his empire complete, Vanderbilt must take control of the _____. (NY to Chicago)
- 14) What did Jay Gould and Jim Fisk do to force Vanderbilt to buy more stock?
- 15) **True** **False** Today this action is legal.
- 16) How much watered down stock did Vanderbilt buy?
- 17) What was more important than money?

- 18) What new freight does The Commodore look to to revolutionize his rail lines?
- 19) What was kerosene primarily used for?
- 20) Who did Vanderbilt reach out to near Cleveland?
- 21) Rockefeller wanted to be the Vanderbilt of _____, that's how he sees himself.
- 22) What happens to Rockefeller's train on the way to NY? Was Rockefeller on the train?
- 23) **True** **False** The train wreck changed Rockefeller.