

The Men Who Built America

Name _____ Hour _____

Episode: Oil Strike (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.

John D. Rockefeller

- 1) How many train cars of oil did Rockefeller promise Vanderbilt each day?
- 2) True False Rockefeller grew up wealthy.
- 3) Rockefeller's father was a _____.
- 4) Rockefeller knows that drilling for oil is a _____, an uncertainty.
- 5) At _____ years old, Rockefeller invests everything he has, about \$4,000, into building his first _____.
- 6) His deal with Vanderbilt gives him _____ and the chance to corner the US oil market.
- 7) Why were potential investors skeptical of kerosene?
- 8) What was the name of Rockefeller's oil company?
- 9) What is America's new obsession?
- 10) Tom Scott wants to take Vanderbilt's spot as king of the railroads. Who is his protégé?
(circle one) JP Morgan Henry Ford Andrew Carnegie
- 11) A verbal contract is struck between Scott and Rockefeller. Standard Oil will receive a _____
_____ for every barrel it ships. Rockefeller gets a better deal from Scott than he could have
ever gotten from Vanderbilt.
- 12) Rockefeller starts buying out other oil companies. Rockefeller's intent is simple: he wants to own
_____ in the country. Today we know it as a _____.
- 13) By the time he's finished, Rockefeller owns _____ of the North American oil supply. At 33, the
Ohio oil man is now the most powerful man in the country.
- 14) Vanderbilt has formed an unlikely alliance with Tom Scott aimed at forcing their biggest client to
pay going rates. Rockefeller sees their actions as an _____.
- 15) What is Rockefeller's solution to cutting out the railroads?

- 16) Rockefeller's workers labor around the clock, blasting through the countryside, and laying over a _____ of pipeline everyday. By the time the pipeline is complete, it is over _____ miles long.
- 17) Stocks plummet as a result of the pipeline. By the time the panic is through, _____ of the country's 360 railroad companies have gone _____. The crash is the worst America has seen in its short history.
- 18) At the height of the depression, the king of the American railroads, Cornelius Vanderbilt _____ at the age of _____. He leaves his empire worth over \$100,000,000 to his son.
- 19) To beat Tom Scott, what does Rockefeller do to the Pittsburgh refineries?
- 20) Scott is forced to layoff tens of thousands of workers and cut wages. What do the workers do in response?
- 21) John D. Rockefeller has replaced Cornelius Vanderbilt as the _____ in America. His net worth is over \$150,000,000 or \$_____ dollars today.