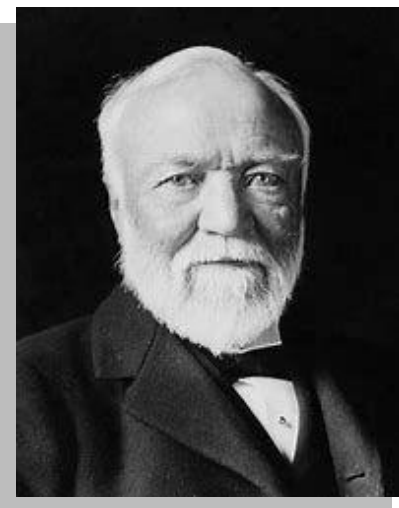


American Experience: The Gilded Age PBS Video Questions

PBS Video <http://www.pbs.org/video/the-gilded-age-nun3cr/> YouTube playlist <https://bit.ly/2K01ENI> 1h 53m 2s

- 1) The price of the party at the beginning of the movie, could have fed 1,000 families for how long?
- 2) The “haves” and “have nots” were separated by jobs and opportunity. The richest 1% had more wealth than the rest of the population together. Why is this challenging for having a united nation?



- 3) The railroads changed the way businesses could make money, because your goods could be sold _____.
- 4) What 3 things did you learn about Andrew Carnegie in the video?
- 5) What does Carnegie’s story say about the importance of **investment** and **capitalism**?
- 6) Why was being part of the “in crowd” or wealthy parties important back then?
- 7) What similarities do you see between the Gilded Age and celebrity media coverage today?
- 8) (29:00) Between 1880 and 1995, how many people immigrated to the United States? _____ million.

9) Why was the United States called a “gambler’s paradise” back then?

10) How many hours, and days per week, were workers expected to work?

11) Why did men and women join labor unions?

12) Why did the increasing number of working voters scare the company owners and powerful people?

13) (38:00) Why does the growth of successful people result in the growth of poverty in this era?

14) Why is learning about the Gilded Age Important? What lessons does it have to teach us in modern day America? (2 paragraphs)