**Robber Baron Debate Sheet**

\*Minimum: Choose 4 of the 6 capitalists and complete the chart

\*Extra Credit: Completing all 6 capitalists’ rows and/or adding other capitalists listed below. Extra points will be based on the number of extra capitalists included and the quality of the answers provided.

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| **Capitalist** | **Industry** | **Business Practices** | **Why was this industry important to the development of the US?** | **Labor (issues, strikes, working conditions, salary, etc.)** | **Philanthropy** | **Other important information…** |
| **Andrew Carnegie** | Railroads, Steel |  |  |  |  |  |
| **J.P. Morgan** | Banking, Steel |  |  |  |  |  |
| **John D. Rockefeller** | Oil |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cornelius Vanderbilt** | Railroads, Shipping |  |  |  |  |  |
| **John Jacob Astor** | Fur Trading, Real Estate |  |  |  |  |  |
| **James Buchanan Duke** | Tobacco |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **List of businessmen who were called robber barons**  *Source:* [*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robber\_baron\_(industrialist)*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robber_baron_(industrialist)) | | |
| * John Jacob Astor (real estate, fur) – New York * Andrew Carnegie (steel) – Pittsburgh and New York * Jay Cooke (finance) – Philadelphia * Charles Crocker (railroads) – California * Daniel Drew (finance) – New York * James Buchanan Duke (tobacco) – Durham, North Carolina * James Fisk (finance) – New York * Henry Morrison Flagler (railroads, oil) – New York and Florida * Henry Clay Frick (steel) – Pittsburgh and New York | * John Warne Gates (barbed wire, oil) – Texas * Jay Gould (railroads) – New York * Edward Henry Harriman (railroads) – New York * James J. Hill (railroads) – Minnesota * Charles T. Hinde (railroads, water transport, shipping, hotels) - Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, California * Mark Hopkins (railroads) – California * Andrew W. Mellon (finance, oil) – Pittsburgh * J. P. Morgan (finance, industrial consolidation) – New York * John Cleveland Osgood (coal mining, iron) - Colorado | * Henry B. Plant (railroads) – Florida * John D. Rockefeller (oil) – Cleveland, New York * Charles M. Schwab (steel) – Pittsburgh and New York * Joseph Seligman (banking) – New York * John D. Spreckels (sugar) – California * Leland Stanford (railroads) - California * Cornelius Vanderbilt (water transport, railroads) – New York * Charles Tyson Yerkes (street railroads) – Chicago |

**\*\*\*Paragraph---Were these capitalists Robber Barons or Captains of Industry?\*\*\***