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### Gilded Age Webquest

**Go to:** <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/gildedage.html>

1. What did Mark Twain mean when he said the opening quote?

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2. What extravagant gift did Mrs. Stuyvesant buy her dog for a party?

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3. Describe the stratification (difference in classes) of American Society in the Gilded Age.

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4. What specific groups were in the lowest part of Society?

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5. Describe "Political Machine" (search on internet if you need help).

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6. Why did immigrants turn to political machines?

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**Next page:** *Carnivals of Revenge-link at bottom of first page.*

7. How many strikes/lockouts occurred in the 1880s?

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8. In \_\_\_\_\_, the State Militia fired on strikers, killing 11 and wounding 40.

9. What was governmental policy toward strikes?

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10. What did laborers do in response to the hard line taken by factory owners and the government?

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\_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_ owned Pullman Car Company and slashed workers' wages and raised rent, which resulted in the workers going on strike.

12. What is the result of the labor-owner clashes?

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**Next page:** *Millionaire's Row*

Read through Millionaires Row and check out the houses of the wealthy industrialists -- it must be nice!!!

13. What street in New York City became the most magnificent street in the world?

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14. What two "Robber Barons" worked out of Pittsburgh?

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15. Why did Frick build his mansion?

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16. The Astros could host \_\_\_\_\_ people in their ballroom.

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17. Describe the picture of the "Vanderbilt Chateau."

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18. What member of the Vanderbilt family led the building of the Metropolitan Opera House?

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**Next page:** go to *People and Events*; click on *Andrew Carnegie*

19. How much did it cost the Carnegie family to come to the US in 1848?

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20. \_\_\_\_\_ hired Carnegie to work for him and became his mentor, calling him "my boy Andy."

**Next page:** go to *People and Events*; click on *Herbert Spencer*

21. Summarize the theory put forth by Spencer in his philosophy of Social Darwinism:

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### Child Labor

<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/childlabor/>

1. Carefully read through the captions and review the picture on this site. Using bullet points, list 5 observations based on what you see.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Inventions of the Gilded Age

<http://www.shmoop.com/great-inventions/timeline.html>

1. List 4 significant inventions during the Gilded Age. Explain how each improved life during this time period.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- d. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Personal Wealth

Please use the following links:

[http://www.nytimes.com/ref/business/20070715\\_GILDED\\_GRAPHIC.html#](http://www.nytimes.com/ref/business/20070715_GILDED_GRAPHIC.html#)

2. Of the top 30 wealthiest people in American History, how many were from the Gilded Age?

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3. Which of these men has a local connection to Whiting?

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4. As you look through the stories of how these men acquired wealth: in what ways did they acquire wealth? What were the primary industries of the day?

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5. Brainstorming: what political factors do you think allowed for these men to become as wealthy as they did?

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