

Instructions

Complete the following questions to the best of your ability. Write your answers clearly and use complete sentences where required.

1. What does the term "robber baron" mean, and who are some of the most well-known robber barons from history?

2. List four key industrialists often referred to as robber barons and describe their primary industries or contributions:

a. Name:

Industry/Contribution:

b. Name:

Industry/Contribution:

c. Name:

Industry/Contribution:

d. Name:

Industry/Contribution:

3. How do robber barons differ from "captains of industry"? What are the key arguments for and against this distinction?

4. What were the primary criticisms of robber barons regarding their business practices and treatment of workers? How did these actions impact society?

5. Do you think robber barons were ultimately good or bad for the development of the United States? Support your position with specific examples.