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**Was Andrew Carnegie a Hero?**

**DBQ Questions**

**Document 1**

1. Does rising from “rags to riches” make a person a hero?
2. Can a person born to big money become a hero?

**Document 2**

1. Explain why Social Darwinism was so attractive to Andrew Carnegie?
2. According to Carnegie, what are the cultural advantages of the law of survival of the fittest?
3. Does his belief in survival of the fittest help or hurt Carnegie’s chances of being recognized as a hero?

Document 3

1. What is the connection between lowering costs and
   1. Profit?
   2. Rationalization?
   3. Reinvestment?
   4. Riding out hard times?
   5. Buying out competitors?
   6. Becoming and leading steel producer in the leading steel-producing nation?

**Document 4**

1. Explain the difference between cost and price.
2. Does Carnegie seem to have been successful in driving down costs? Generally, did prices paid by consumers also drop? Was this good for the country?

**Document 5**

1. What are the business advantages of vertical integration?
2. Does Carnegie’s ability to create this vertically organized steel industry contribute to his status as hero?
3. What are the benefits and liabilities of having that much control over the American people?

**Document 6**

1. What specific words does Hamlin Garland use in describing the men and their surroundings?
2. What specific data does Garland include regarding hours and wage?
3. According to the Garland piece, how many of Homestead’s 3500 workers received $1.40 per day?
4. What evidence is there that the job is dangerous?

**Document 7**

1. How do the wages and hours of workers outside the iron and steel industry compare with Hamlin Garland’s Homestead figures in document 6?
2. How do the wages and hours at Homestead compare with the general wages and hours for iron and steel workers reported in Document 7?
3. How important is the wage/ hour chart from Historical Statistics in judging the hours and wages that prevailed at Homestead? Why?
4. How much would it have cost him to earn double the wages of his 2000 workers who earned $1.40 per day? Could Carnegie have afforded to do this? What would have been the reasons for not doing this?

**Document 8**

1. Carnegie was the author and the champion of the “Gospel of Wealth.” For this, does he deserve to be called a hero?

**Document 9**

1. How do they weigh this ongoing gift to America and the world?
2. Is Carnegie’s standing as an American hero helped by the fact that his benefactions are still working hard for literacy, education, and world peace?

**Document 10**

1. What is the main idea of the cartoon?
2. What is the point of view of the cartoon?
3. Do you feel that this cartoon is accurate? Is it a fair representation of Carnegie?