**The Men Who Built America**

**Part I – Film notes:** We will be using the episodes from the film “The Men Who Built America” to further explore American Industrialization. In your groups you will watch one of the episodes. You have already looked at 5 Industrialist (Rockefeller, Carnegie, Vanderbilt, Morgan and Ford) for homework. Now, in your group, you will watch 2 of these episodes (for your assigned group) to further understand not only how these men’s stories are intertwined but how they impacted industrialization in American. While watching the film take notes on investments, rivalries, type of industry, resources, wealth, other people/players involved, winners/losers and impact that they had on this era. This is a great chance to see that history is more than just information but is truly a story of human interaction, so take notes on how these storyline of the people and events involved affect and react to one another. Take good notes because you will be using this information to create and visual and written product that reflects the stories of the episodes your group viewed.

**Group A -** Episodes

**1: A New War Begins** - Cornelius Vanderbilt parlays his success in the steamboat business to become a railroad tycoon, and John D. Rockefeller starts Standard Oil.

**2. Oil Strike** - Kerosene is lighting America after dark in unprecedented ways. The demand for oil is sky high and Vanderbilt knows that oil can fill his trains. He turns to a young maverick oilman from Ohio, John D. Rockefeller, to do just that.

**Group B** - Episodes

**3. A Rivalry Is Born** - Andrew Carnegie immigrates to the United States with his parents and starts working at age 12. He finds a patron in railroad executive Tom Scott who teaches him about the business.

**4. Blood Is Spilled** - Carnegie hires a hatchet man, Henry Frick, to help him achieve his goal of besting Rockefeller. The partnership seems promising, but Carnegie does not know that Frick is running his factories far beyond capacity.

**Group C** - Episodes

**5. A New Rival Emerges** - While Carnegie and Rockefeller continue to battle, JP Morgan arrives on the scene and establishes a bank in New York City that has one goal: to further the technological advancements of America.

**6. Owning It All** - With an investment from Morgan, the Edison Electric Company is created and begins wiring homes in New York. A rival, Nikola Tesla, soon emerges with a different technology for electric light.

**Group D** - Episodes

**7. Taking the White House** - Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan have gone unmonitored for decades, but American politicians are about to change that. They want these men to fall into line under government control.

**8. The New Machine -** A young engineer named Henry Ford devises the plan for a gas-powered car. McKinley is assassinated and his VP Theodore Roosevelt takes office and quickly passes a series of regulations increasing oversight of American business.