



## Industrialization in Literature

**Directions:** Read each primary source excerpt carefully. Then answer the text-dependent questions using evidence from the passage. Write in complete sentences.

### Excerpt 1: Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives* (1890)

"In the tenements, whole families lived in one small room, with little light and no fresh air. Disease spread quickly, and the loud noise of the factories never seemed to stop."

1. What problem is Riis describing in this excerpt?
2. What sensory details does the author use to show living conditions? Provide one example directly from the text.

### Excerpt 2: Andrew Carnegie, *The Gospel of Wealth* (1889)

"The man who dies rich dies disgraced. It is the duty of the wealthy to use their money to improve the lives of others and strengthen society."

3. What does Carnegie believe wealthy individuals should do with their money?
4. Based on this excerpt, what values does Carnegie promote?

### Excerpt 3: Ida Tarbell, *The History of the Standard Oil Company* (1904)

"Through secret deals and sudden price cuts, Standard Oil forced competitors to either join them or be wiped from the market. Small businesses had little chance to survive."

5. What business practice is Tarbell criticizing in this passage?
6. How does Tarbell feel about the effects of Standard Oil's actions? Use wording from the text to support your answer.

**Final Analysis:** Which author do you think had the greatest influence on changing society during the Industrialization and Gilded Age? Support your answer with evidence from the excerpts.