

The First Great American Talk Show!



Objective: To gain a better understanding of the motivations, actions and results of some of the important people of the Gilded Age.

Setting: Despite the fact that television has not been invented yet, Oprah Winfrey and Stephen Colbert have each invited several influential guests to his television set to record a live show and they all have promised to attend. Winfrey and Colbert have each prepared questions for each of their guests in order to examine what actions they partook in during the Age of Industry (1865–1917), why they took their actions and the results of their actions. These talk show hosts each have the reputation of asking tough but fair questions that unearth the truth even when the truth hurts.

Directions:

Prepare a biography (paragraphs, not bulleted notes) and a visual of your individual and be prepared to answer the “tough” questions regarding why you took the actions you did. You must include one exact quote from your person in both your paper and interview.

Points

Effectiveness of Visual Aid – 10 points

Interview– 10 points

Biography– 30 points

Questions to Address

- What were your accomplishments?
- How did you accomplish them?
- How did you improve the United States?
- What would your critics say about you?
- If you could have dinner with one other American figure from the list you could relate to, who would it be and what would you talk about?

Guest List:

John D Rockefeller
Jacob Riis
Samuel Gompers
Eugene V. Debs
Susan B. Anthony
Ida Tarbell
Upton Sinclair
Jane Addams
Horatio Alger
Ida B. Wells

William Jennings Bryan
Andrew Carnegie
John Muir
Lewis Hine
“Boss” Tweed

Terrence Powderly
Margaret Sanger
Bob La Follette
JP Morgan

Henry Frick
Carrie Chapman
Catt
William
McKinley
Thomas Nast
Carrie Nation
Booker T.
Washington
W.E.B. DuBois

Due Dates:

January 10/13- Biography/ Questions
January 14/15- Presentations/Visuals

Student Name/ Role
