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*He who opens a school door, closes a prison.*  
– Victor Hugo

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## Web Sites

### [Resources For History Teachers: Industrial Revolution in America](#)

The following site helps students to understand the important consequences of the Industrial Revolution in America.

<http://resourcesforhistoryteachers.wikispaces.com/USII.2>

### [EDSITEment: Robber Barons and Captains of Industry](#)

A very thorough lesson plan from EDSITEment that explores the role of the robber barons in American industry in the 19th century. It explores the question of whether the robber barons were harmful or "Captains of Industry." You'll find learning objectives, activities, and extensions of the lesson.

[https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/industrial-age-america-robber-barons-and-captains-industry - LESSON1](https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/industrial-age-america-robber-barons-and-captains-industry-LESSON1)

### [Digital History: Empire 's Challenge to Standard \[PDF\]](#)

In the era of big business and business tycoons in the late 19th century, John D. Rockefeller held a very high position. Read about how he thwarted an attempt by two railroad owners to keep Rockefeller from controlling all the oil refining business in Pennsylvania. See how threats, intimidation, and a labor strike played into Rockefeller's hand. [pdf]

[http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/teachers/lesson\\_plans/pdfs/unit7\\_5.pdf](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/teachers/lesson_plans/pdfs/unit7_5.pdf)

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## Hardware/Software

### Keep Folders on Top with Finder Sorting

Have you ever wished you could have folders on the very top of a directory listing when using Finder List view? Finally you can, if you use the “name” sorting element anyway. This is a small feature but it’s surprisingly useful, and something that many of us have been wanting for ages.

You can find this setting in the Finder > Finder menu > Preferences, it will be under the “Advanced” options.

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# Famous People from American History

## Cornelius Vanderbilt

industrialist, financier

Born: 5/27/1794

Birthplace: Port Richmond, N.Y.

Having gotten his feet wet operating the Staten Island ferry in 1810, Vanderbilt then worked for Thomas Gibbons before forming his own very successful and lucrative steamboat business. When the California gold rush increased demand for transportation, he devised a steamship route in 1849, including an overland passage through Nicaragua. By 1862 his interest had shifted to railroads. He acquired stock in the New York & Harlem, then bought the Hudson River Railroad and the New York Central. He continued expanding his holdings to include lines in Michigan and Canada, but he failed to buy the Erie Railroad in 1868 when Daniel Drew, Jay Gould, and James Fisk declared the "Erie Wars," in which the three managed to manipulate stock to prevent Vanderbilt from buying Erie. Vanderbilt was responsible for the \$1 million donation that was used to found Vanderbilt University.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

*Why was the mother flea so sad?*

Because her children were going to the dogs.

*Why did the mother cat put stamps on her kittens?*

Because she wanted to mail a litter.

*What do you get when you cross an automobile with a household animal?*

A carpet.

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## This Day in History

***Birthdates which occurred on December 1:***

1671 Francesco Stradivari Italian violin maker/son of Antonius

1844 Alexandra Danish princess/Queen of Great Britain/Ireland

1886 Rex Stout mystery writer (Nero Wolf)

1904 W A "Tony" Boyle United Mine Workers president

1911 Walter Alston baseball manager (Dodgers)

1913 Mary Martin Weatherford TX, actress (Peter Pan) Larry Hagman's mom

1921 Ralph Manza San Francisco CA, actor (Banacek, Mama Malone, Newhart)

1929 David Doyle actor (Charlie's Angels, Pursuit of Happiness)  
1929 Dick Shawn Buffalo NY, actor (Producers, Maid to Order, Angel)  
1935 Woody Allen [Allen Stuart Konigsberg] Brooklyn (Zelig Annie Hall)  
1936 Lou Rawls Chicago IL, singer (Dean Martin's Gold-diggers, Natural Man)  
1939 Lee [Buck] Trevino Dallas TX, PGA golfer (US Open 1968, 71)  
1940 Richard Pryor Illinois, comedian/actor (Lady Sings the Blues, Stir Crazy)  
1945 Bette Midler Aiea HI, singer (Wind Beneath My Wings, Do You Want to Dance?)/actress (Beaches, First Wives Club)  
1946 Gilbert O'Sullivan Ireland, singer (Alone Again Naturally)  
1951 Treat Williams Rowayton CT, actor (Flashpoint, Hair)  
1958 Charlene Tilton San Diego CA, actress (Lucy Ewing-Dallas)  
1960 Carol Alt[man] Queens NY (Mrs Ron Greshner), model/actress (Private Parts)

### ***On this day...***

1640 Portugal regains independence after 60 years of Spanish rule  
1641 Massachusetts becomes 1st colony to give statutory recognition to slavery  
1804 Emperor Napoleon marries Joséphine of Martinique  
1821 Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) proclaims independence from Spain  
1822 Dom Pedro crowned emperor of Brazil  
1824 House of Representatives begins to end election deadlock between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William Harris Crawford & Henry Clay – Adams eventually declared president  
1831 Erie Canal closes for entire month due to cold weather  
1835 Hans Christian Andersen published his 1st book of fairy tales  
1878 1st White House telephone installed  
1887 Sherlock Holmes 1st appears in print: "A Study In Scarlet"  
1891 James Naismith creates the game of basketball  
1896 1st certified public accountants receive certificates (New York)  
1903 "The Great Train Robbery", the 1st Western film, released  
1929 Game of BINGO invented by Edwin S Lowe  
1941 Japanese emperor Hirohito signs declaration of war  
1942 Gasoline rationed in US  
1943 FDR, Churchill & Stalin agree to Operation Overlord (D-Day)  
1951 Golden Gate Bridge closes due to high winds  
1953 Walter Alston named Dodger manager  
1955 Rosa Parks (black) arrested for refusing to move to the back of the bus  
1956 Frank Robinson (National League) & Luis Aparicio (American League) voted Rookie of the Year  
1957 Sam Cooke and Buddy Holly and Crickets debut on Ed Sullivan Show  
1964 Houston Colt .45s change name to Astros

1968 Pirate Radio Modern (259) (England) begins transmitting  
1973 Jack Nicklaus becomes 1st golfer to earn \$2 million in a year  
1978 President Carter more than doubles national park system size  
1982 Michael Jackson releases "Thriller"  
1988 NBC bids record \$401 million to capture rights to 1992 Barcelona Olympics  
1997 Westinghouse formally changes its name to CBS

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