

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER—PLEASE PRINT THIS STUDY GUIDE.

Directions: Use the links provided at <http://stu.westga.edu/~shealey1/american> in order to answer the following questions.

Early Life



1. When and where was John D. Rockefeller born?

2. Explain what his father did to support the family.

3. Did any of his father's actions during this time later become a public issue for Rockefeller? If so, how?

4. What did Mr. Rockefeller say about the experience of loaning money to the local farmer when he was twelve?

5. What types of skills did John D. Rockefeller learn during his post-secondary education?

Entrepreneurial Career

6. What type of business did John D. Rockefeller start with partner Maurice B. Clark? List one reason for its success.

7. What prompted Rockefeller to get into the oil refining business?



8. What other influential American did Rockefeller partner with to start Standard Oil?

9. Why was John D. Rockefeller so successful in the oil refining business?

10. Why was the Standard Oil Trust dissolved in 1892?

11. Briefly describe the South Improvement Scheme.

Philanthropy

12. How did John D. Rockefeller re-define philanthropy in the United States?

13. List at least five organizations that Rockefeller started and contributed to financially.

14. List your favorite John D. Rockefeller quote.

