**AP US HISTORY**

**Chapter 24: Industry Comes of Age, 1865-1900**

**Constructing a Historical Argument**

Directions: Read the prompt below and identify the specific skill being tested (refer to AP US History Course Description is necessary); be sure to explain why it is that skill. Determine the position you will take with regard to the prompt. Then, in the space provided, put together specific and relevant evidence to be used in your argument as well as identifying evidence which does contrary to your argument.

*Prompt: Assess the validity of the following statement: “The Robber Barons of the late 19th century created wealth in American society and therefore moved the country forward as the US became a world power.”*

**Part I:** Skills Being Tested:

Causation

Continuity and Change Over Time

Periodization

Compare and Contrast

Contextualization

Why?

**Part II:** Complete the chart below with as many facts/argument you can find.

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| Responsible For | Not Responsible For |
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Position with regard to the prompt (circle one): AGREE DISAGREE MODIFY

**Part III:** Develop your Thesis Statement.