

AMERICA THE GREATEST®

America is the greatest nation in the world because she has allowed her citizens the opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness." Citizens such as
ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Born: November 25, 1835 (Sagittarius)
the eldest of two sons in Dunfermline, Scotland.

Died: August 11, 1919.

Father: William Carnegie, poor handloom weaver.

Mother: Margaret (Morrison) Carnegie.

Accomplishment: Founder of Carnegie Steel Steel Company, philanthropist.



ANDREW CARNEGIE

Andrew Carnegie, born into a poor family and educated in public grade schools, lived in a cottage at the corner of Moddie St. and Priory Lane in Dunfermline. He came to the United States with his father, mother and brother aboard the ex-whaler "Wiscasset" in late June, 1848. He then settled in Pittsburgh and went to work at age fourteen as a bobbin boy in a cotton factory for \$1.20 a week.

Two years later he went to work as a messenger boy in the telegraph company. These were the early days of telegraph, and Carnegie developed a rare talent possessed by less than ten people in the country: that of distinguishing between the telegraph letters by sound. Thus, he became a telegraph operator. Thomas A. Scott, head of the Pennsylvania Railroad, noticed his ability with the telegraph and hired him as his personal telegrapher at \$35 a month.

For the next twelve years, Carnegie remained with the railroad, rapidly advancing to top management levels. In 1865, he resigned from the railroad to form his own company, the Keystone Bridge Company, which built metal railroad bridges far superior to the wooden ones currently used. This business flourished as did other ventures he started.

In 1873, having convinced himself that the future of America was in steel, he put all of his money into his new company, which became the Carnegie Steel Company. Under his organizational genius, Carnegie Steel became a world leading producer of steel, establishing the United States as a great industrial entity. In 1901, Andrew Carnegie sold out his interest to J.P. Morgan's newly formed United States Steel Corporation for two hundred fifty million dollars.

The rest of his life Carnegie devoted to philanthropy, establishing libraries, universities, culture centers, and foundations. By the time of his death he had donated over three hundred fifty million dollars to such causes.

A nation is as great as the sum total of the greatness of its individuals. America offers her people more opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness" than any other nation on earth. I challenge you to develop yours!

Today we honor **ANDREW CARNEGIE**. Tomorrow could we honor you?

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