

EXAMINING PRIMARY SOURCES

Eugene V. Debs on Competition

Competition was natural enough at one time, but do you think you are competing today? Many of you think you are competing. Against whom? Against Rockefeller? About as I would if I had a wheelbarrow and competed with the Santa Fe¹ from here to Kansas City.

1. To whom were these remarks meant to appeal? _____

2. Evaluate the effectiveness of Debs's analogy. _____

3. Imagine that you are living in the time of Eugene V. Debs. How might you react to this statement as a factory worker? How might your reaction be different if you were the owner of a large corporation? Explain your answer. _____

¹ The Santa Fe Railroad.