

## 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 Fe<sup>1</sup> from here to Kansas City.*

1. To whom were these remarks meant to appeal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Evaluate the effectiveness of Debs's analogy. \_\_\_\_\_  
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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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>1</sup> The Santa Fe Railroad.