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**The Homestead Strike: video questions**

Setting:

Homestead, Pennsylvania (near Pittsburgh), 1892.

Characters:

**Andrew Carnegie** – Owner, Carnegie Steel

**Henry Clay Frick** – Chairman, Carnegie Steel

**Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers** – Labor union representing many of the workers at the Homestead Steel Works, part of the AFL

**Pinkerton Detective Agency** – Security guards hired by Carnegie to re-open the Homestead Works and break the strike

1. Describe working conditions in a steel mill during the Gilded Age.
2. What goals did the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers union have for its members?
3. What were Carnegie and Frick trying to get in the contract negotiations with the Amalgamated?
4. What actions did Frick take when the contract negotiations broke down?
5. How did the people of Homestead fight to take control of the mill?
6. What role did the government play in the conflict? (How did the Pennsylvania state militia intervene in the conflict?)
7. How did public opinion change during the strike?
8. What happened to the workers who led the strike, once it ended?
9. Who do you think won the Homestead Strike, labor or management? Explain your answer, and think about short-term vs. long-term gains.