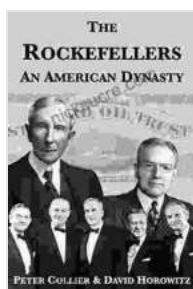


The Rockefellers: An American Dynasty that Shaped the World

The Rockefeller family is one of the most powerful and influential families in American history. Their wealth and influence have shaped the country in many ways, both positive and negative. This article explores the history of the Rockefeller family, their rise to power, and their impact on the world.

The Early Years

The Rockefeller family traces its roots to Germany. Johann Peter Rockefeller, the family's patriarch, was born in 1839 in the town of Neuwied. In 1849, the family immigrated to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. Johann Peter Rockefeller worked as a laborer and a bookkeeper before he started his own oil business in 1863.



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The oil business boomed in the late 19th century, and Rockefeller quickly became one of the richest men in the United States. In 1870, he founded

the Standard Oil Company, which would eventually become one of the largest and most powerful companies in the world.

The Rise to Power

Under Rockefeller's leadership, Standard Oil grew rapidly. The company used its vast resources to control the oil industry and drive out its competitors. Rockefeller's ruthless business practices earned him the nickname "the Robber Baron."

In 1890, the government passed the Sherman Antitrust Act, which was designed to break up monopolies. Standard Oil was one of the first companies to be targeted by the act, and in 1911, the company was broken up into 34 smaller companies.

Despite the breakup of Standard Oil, the Rockefeller family remained one of the most powerful families in the United States. Rockefeller's sons, John D. Rockefeller Jr. and William Rockefeller, continued to build the family's fortune through their investments in oil, real estate, and other businesses.

The Rockefeller Legacy

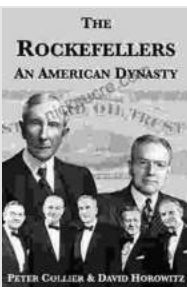
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