**Notes for the Great Debate: Three Great American Philanthropists**

**Andrew Carnegie**

* Did not give away money randomly
* Leverage of matching with communities gave leverage to the gifts (for example, the community must find a way to get the books if he provided the building for the library)
* Felt you should give while you are living and he did not believe in inherited wealth
* Built institutions to bring people together (swimming pools, libraries, concert halls, places to hold public meetings)
* Philanthropy should provide ladders for the motivated to climb
* Believed that if you make it (money), then it is yours to give away
* Paternalistic - “I am successful so I know what is needed”
* Very poor (worked his way out of poverty)
* At one point had more money than the federal government
* Interested in building a legacy

**John D. Rockefeller, Sr.**

* Looked at big picture (more wholesale philanthropy v. retail philanthropy)
* Wanted to solve national and world problems rather than individual suffering
* Determined to get to the root cause
* Hands off and hired people to give his money away for him
* Believed that he did not have all of the answers so he should not make important decisions about giving away funds
* Gave half of his fortune to his family and the other half to charity
* Did not want to be a crutch
* Helped to start the University of Chicago

**Jane Addams**

* Used both approaches of retail and wholesale philanthropy – her hands on philanthropy was providing direct services through work at the Hull House and hands off philanthropy was through work to change pubic policies and as a founding member of the NAACP and ACLU to improve civil rights and women’s rights
* Found the best way that she could make an impact
* At one point in her life she is beloved and at another point she is thought of as ‘unpatriotic”
* A thinker and a do’er
* High impact philanthropist because she managed external relations
* Came from wealthy family
* College educated
* Wanted women to have more career options than just nursing and teaching
* Hull House Association still exists
* Felt it was important to cure social ills