

# Congress and the Money Trust

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## Worksheet 3: Interpreting Data from the Money Trust Diagram

**Instructions:** Answer each of the following questions with information found on the Money Trust Diagram. Be prepared to share your answers with the class.

1. What were the 5 most valuable corporations shown on this diagram?
2. What branch of commerce shown on the diagram was the most valuable overall?
3. What were the three most valuable corporations in which the J.P. Morgan & Co. owned large blocks of stock? (Hint: see the appropriate line specified in the diagram's legend.)
4. In what way was the creation of this diagram for Congress a characteristic act of the Progressive Era?
5. To what extent does this diagram depict a "free market" economy and to what extent does it show a market controlled by investment banks?
6. How persuasive is this diagram in arguing for an expanded government role in regulating the economy by means of anti-trust legislation?