

'The Men Who Built America'

While watching the 30-minute clip from History Channel's 2012 miniseries *The Men Who Built America*, note five historical inaccuracies in the motion picture in the grid below. Next to each inconsistency, correct the historical record by filling in what actually happened.

After the movie, answer question #6. Suggested length: two paragraphs.

HISTORICAL INACCURACY	ACTUAL EVENT
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2.	
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6. **Historiography** is the study of *the study of* history. How does the way we view historical events change over time?

What does this video say about the America of 2012, even more than the Homestead of 1892? Why isn't the actual story interesting enough?

Considering this film as a historian of the Homestead Strike (which you have become), what are the dangers of repurposing history and packaging it as entertainment?

This essay is worth 30 points, and you can write it on the back of this paper, or on a separate sheet.

When you study **historiography**, you do not study the events of the past directly, but the changing interpretations of those events in the works of individual historians.

- Conal Furay, 1994