

Carnegie Unit 3 Exam

4. How does reenacting the strike as a mock trial make the event more human – or more complicated?

I believe that reenacting the strike as a mock trial made the event more complicated, but in a general idea of it helped to really grasp the events in order. It makes this event more human hearing and reading firsthand experiences from real people. Reading more and more experiences from the people, the more it complicates it. The contrasting views from both sides of the event make it more human and difficult to interpret.

Through reading the events of the Pinkerton men versus the workers, the diverse views and opinions of the stories, complicate a straightforward view on what happened. For example, hearing McCurry's statement humanized the event. It shows how he really experienced seeing real people die and get injured. Overall, by playing the Homestead strike as a mock trial, it makes it seen as more complicated and more human.

2. How should the Homestead Strike be remembered? Did your experience in the trial change what you think its "lesson" is?

I believe that the Homestead Strike should be remembered as a turning point in American labor history because it shows how far the steel industry and workers were willing to go. I think that my experience in the trial gave me a further and clearer understanding of the lesson. It made me realize that it wasn't just a simple event like most people see, there were real human experiences and lives involved.

This trial opened my eyes to show that fair wages and communication is so important for not only workers, but the management too. The Homestead Strike should be remembered as a real human experience with bloodshed, and a turning point in labor. I think that this lesson should be taught in this depth for everyone. It is a great lesson not only to understand the history, but also for future workers and for people who have plans of running a business.