

The History of the Standard Oil Company: Volume Complete

The Standard Oil Company was an American oil company that was founded in 1870 and dissolved in 1911. It was the largest oil company in the world at the time of its dissolution, and its breakup led to the creation of several major oil companies, including ExxonMobil, Chevron, and BP.



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Rockefeller began his career in the oil industry in 1863, when he founded a small oil refinery in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the next few years, Rockefeller's company grew rapidly, and by the early 1870s, it was one of the largest oil refineries in the United States.

In 1870, Rockefeller merged his company with several other oil companies to form the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. Over the next few years, Rockefeller continued to acquire other oil companies, and by the late 1880s, Standard Oil controlled over 90% of the oil refining capacity in the United States.

Standard Oil's dominance of the oil industry led to a number of antitrust lawsuits against the company. In 1911, the Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil was a monopoly and ordered the company to be broken up. The breakup of Standard Oil led to the creation of several new oil companies, including ExxonMobil, Chevron, and BP.

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The Rise of Standard Oil

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Standard Oil's dominance of the oil industry was due to a number of factors, including its innovative business practices and aggressive expansion.

- **Innovative business practices:** Standard Oil was one of the first companies to use economies of scale to its advantage. The company built large, efficient refineries and used its size to negotiate favorable prices for crude oil and other supplies. Standard Oil also pioneered the use of pipelines to transport oil, which was a much more efficient and cost-effective way to move oil than using rail or water transportation.
- **Aggressive expansion:** Standard Oil was constantly acquiring other oil companies. This expansion helped the company to increase its market share and to consolidate its control over the oil industry.

By the late 1880s, Standard Oil was a monopoly in the oil industry. The company controlled over 90% of the oil refining capacity in the United States, and it had a near-monopoly on the production and transportation of oil.

The Breakup of Standard Oil

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The Legacy of Standard Oil

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The Standard Oil Company also had a major impact on the American economy. The company's vast wealth and power made it one of the most powerful corporations in the world. Standard Oil also played a major role in the development of the American transportation system, as the company's pipelines helped to make oil a more accessible and affordable fuel for cars and trucks.

The Standard Oil Company is a complex and controversial company. The company's innovative business practices and aggressive expansion helped to create a more efficient and profitable oil industry, but the company's monopoly power also led to a number of antitrust lawsuits.

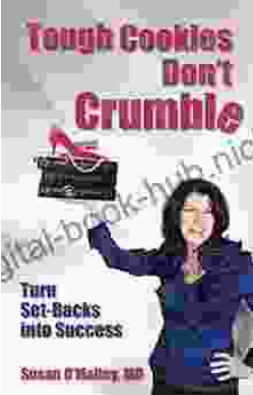
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