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The House the Bank Built

In his largest case, Huey Long represented an employee of the Commercial National Bank, whom the bank had slandered and sued for endorsing a loan that went bad. When no one in town would take the case, he won the case, saving his client \$200,000 and earning himself a \$40,000 fee paid by the bank. He used the windfall to build a home for his family in Shreveport.

1. Why do you think Huey took this class? _____

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1800s. Sears, the house seller began

Between 1908 and 1940, a total of 75,000 houses were mail-ordered from Sears, Roebuck Company, each selected from 447 different models offered by the company.

- Each of the houses was shipped as a "kit" in railroad boxcars. A kit contained 30,000 pieces. Sears estimated that the average carpenter would charge \$450 to assemble a house, and any other skilled labor needed would average \$1 per hour.
- Prices ranged from \$600 for a five-room house, to \$3,800 for a 12-room, two-story house.

1. About how many house did Sears sell every year? _____
2. If half the houses were 5-room and the other half 12-rooms, how much would Sears have made? _____

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For oil your worth

Historically, the oil industry has provided great economic benefits to individuals, businesses, and the state of Louisiana. Circle what has been a major economic **cost** of this industry to the citizens of Louisiana?

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| A. increased population | B. air and water pollution |
| C. better standard of living | D. higher taxes |