*Andrew Carnegie was a member of the American Anti-Imperialist League and devoted the later portion of his life attempting to create world peace. The following excerpt is from Carnegie’s New Year’s Greeting published on January 5, 1914.*

“As long as men can be found willing to become members of a profession which binds them to go forth and kill their fellows as ordered, making this butchery a mere matter of hire and salary, we must reconcile ourselves to the existence of armed forces; but there are influences at work which inspire the belief that this must soon cease. Until recent times the only occupation thought worthy of the gentleman was the profession of arms; in our day he has many to choose from. The duel, once incumbent upon gentlemen, exists no longer wherever our English language is spoken. Even the German Reichstag has voted its abolition, and the Emperor has reduced the number of duels from twelve hundred to twelve per year. As private war (dueling) is being rapidly abolished, national war must soon follow. What is wrong for the individual cannot be right for the nation.

We send this New Year Greeting, January 1, 1914, strong in the faith that International Peace is soon to prevail, thru several of the great powers agreeing to settle their disputes by arbitration under International Law, the pen thus proving mightier than the sword. Three of these did sign such a treaty recently—Britain, France, and the United States, Germany looking on approvingly. Thru mismanagement it failed of approval by the Senate. We have only to try again.

‘War is hell,’ said General Sherman. Peace will be an approach to Heaven. Be of good cheer, kind friends…”

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What did Andrew Carnegie perceive as being the evolution of man and war? Was he right or wrong? Explain your responses.
2. What is the spirit of Andrew Carnegie towards international peace? Why do you think he has this attitude? (take into consideration what he had accomplished and the philosophies of the time period).