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# Thorstein Veblen (1857-1929)

(American economist and sociologist, son of Norwegian immigrants, raised in Minnesota, st. Carleton College, then Johns Hopkins U; Ph.D. Yale U; Cornell U; Ph.D. in philosophy and economics; m. Ellen Rolfe; t. U of Chicago 1892-1906; polemic lecturer, difficult colleague; then Stanford and U of Missouri; affair with postgraduate student Sarah Hardy, and difficult relationship with his wife, then lived with Ann Bradley Evans; divorced; evolutionary theorist of culture and theorist of Institutionalism; critic of market economy; retired and l. Washington and New York, dir. of *The Dial;* influenced New Deal policies and the theories of John Kenneth Galbraith; d. in a cabin in the California mountains)

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