would be more apt to resolve issues. Yet, Henry's government also became a unifying force for the common good, tying together sound reasoning with individual sacrifice. Ralph Waldo Emerson forced the issue of the "self-reliant" individual, calling upon Americans to dissolve the evil that government possessed. However, though Emerson's plan called for individual self-creation, Emerson's society would take group sacrifice and maturity in order to properly arise. Theodore Roosevelt strove for a "square deal" for the American people that saw government limits placed upon the industrial corporations and the ultra-elite in order to help stimulate the welfare of the general public. Nevertheless, his community-based ideas were put forth thanks to his "outlaw" persona, which broke from the privileged mold to assist in the "correcting" of America's unjust society. The "composite" hero remains a powerful force in America's society, and its influence is continually seen in the media. Fictional figures like Dr. Gregory House and Sam and Dean Winchester continually challenge the idea of American individuality with the instinctive desire for community understanding. American individualism lies upon the precipice of another shift, as the government continues to increase its influence upon the American individual. Only time will tell whether such actions will yield fruit for all, or lead to the reemergence of a strong "outlaw" mentality amongst the people of America.

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