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Thorstein Veblen (1857-1929) was perhaps the most famous American economist and social critic of his time. He taught at the universities of Chicago and Missouri, Stanford University, and the New School for Social Research. His many books include *The Theory of Business Enterprise*, *The Higher Learning in America*, and *The Theory of the Leisure Class*, all available from Transaction.

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