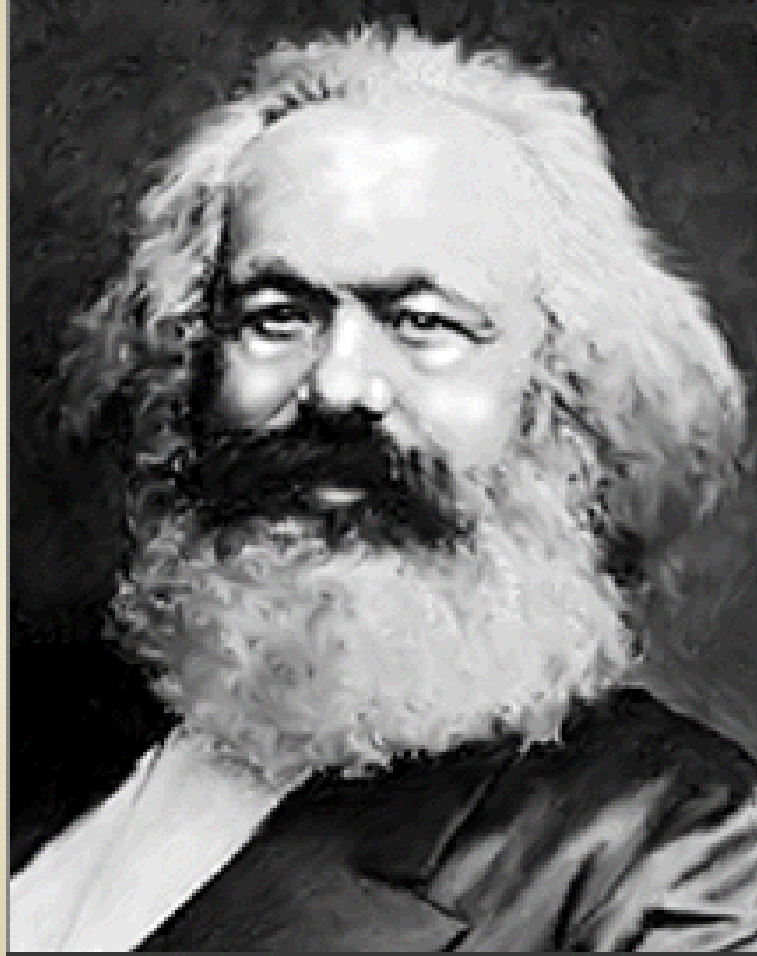


MARXIST THEORY



Karl Marx's Theory of Communism

Carefully examine the details of the picture and make a simple sketch of it on your paper.

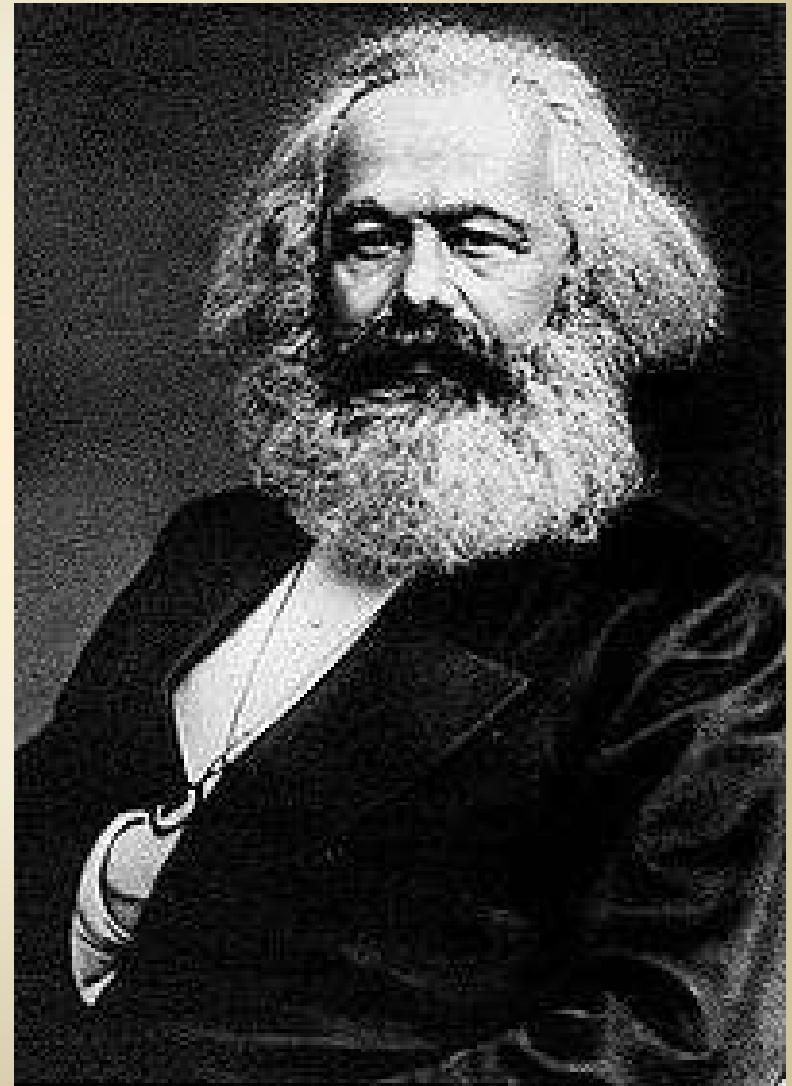
Answer the following questions:

- 1. What do the people in the upper part of the image think of the people in the lower part?**
- 2. What do the people in the lower part of the image think of the people in the upper part?**



Karl Marx

- Born in Germany in 1818
- Philosopher of Economics
- Witnessed the pure capitalism of the Industrial Revolution



Capitalism

- **During the Industrial Revolution, private industries competed for profit.**
- **Little or no government regulation.**



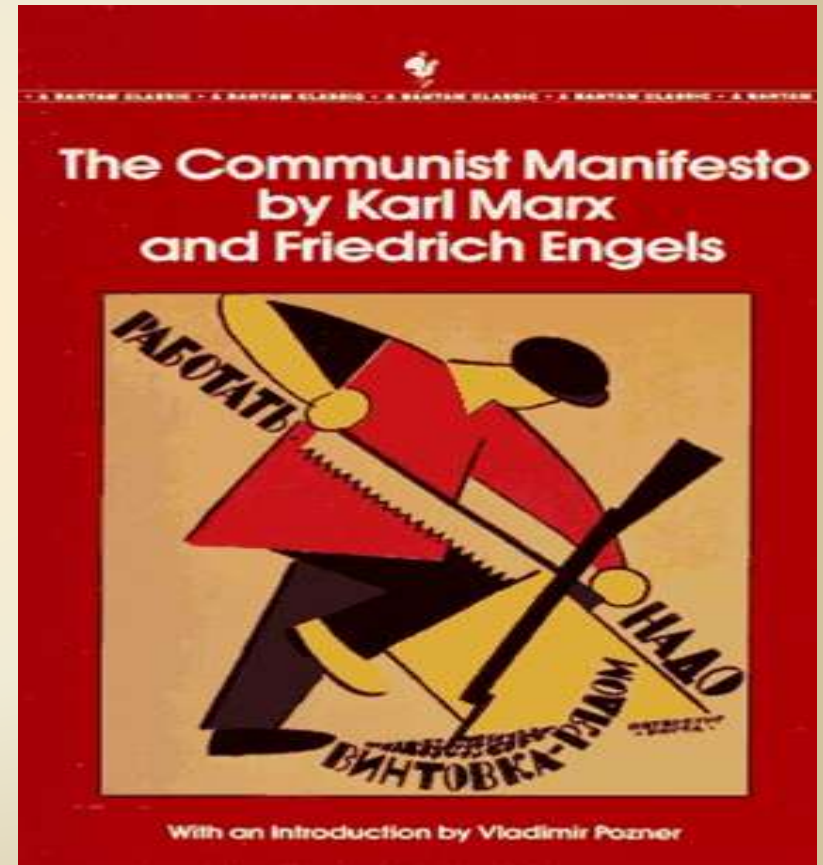
Capitalism

- Marx said this results in a **class struggle** between the rich and the working classes.
- The inevitable result of this struggle would be a **workers' revolt**.



Communist Manifesto

- Published in 1848.
- Marx encouraged workers of the world to rise up as a class and defeat the wealthy capitalists.
- He believed that once in power, workers would create a new economic system, socialism.



Socialism

- **Resources would be distributed equally by the government to create a classless society.**
- **People would learn to strive for equality rather than for greed or profit.**



Communism

- Eventually, the need for government would fade away because people were sharing resources.
- Final goal is **communism**, a classless society without any government.



Socialist or Capitalist?

Write down the following scenarios and determine whether each situation is an example of socialist or capitalist principles.

- **Your public high school**
- **A child's lemonade stand**
- **A soup kitchen**
- **A government that provides health care for all citizens**

Socialist or Capitalist?

- **The local fire department**
- **The Dow Jones industrial average increased 15 points**
- **You sell a candy bar for 25 cents more than you bought it for**
- **Yosemite National Park**
- **Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Company**