



Karl Marx and the Rise of Communism

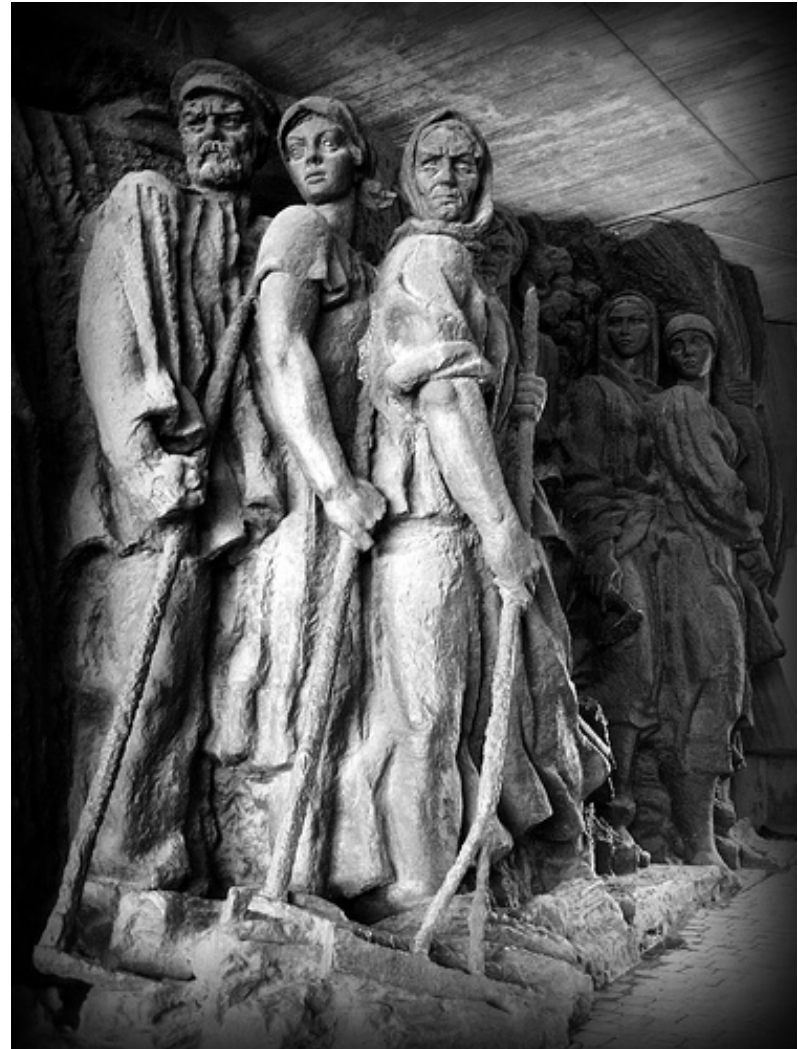
What is Communism?

Who is Karl Marx?

What was Marx's "perfect"
society?

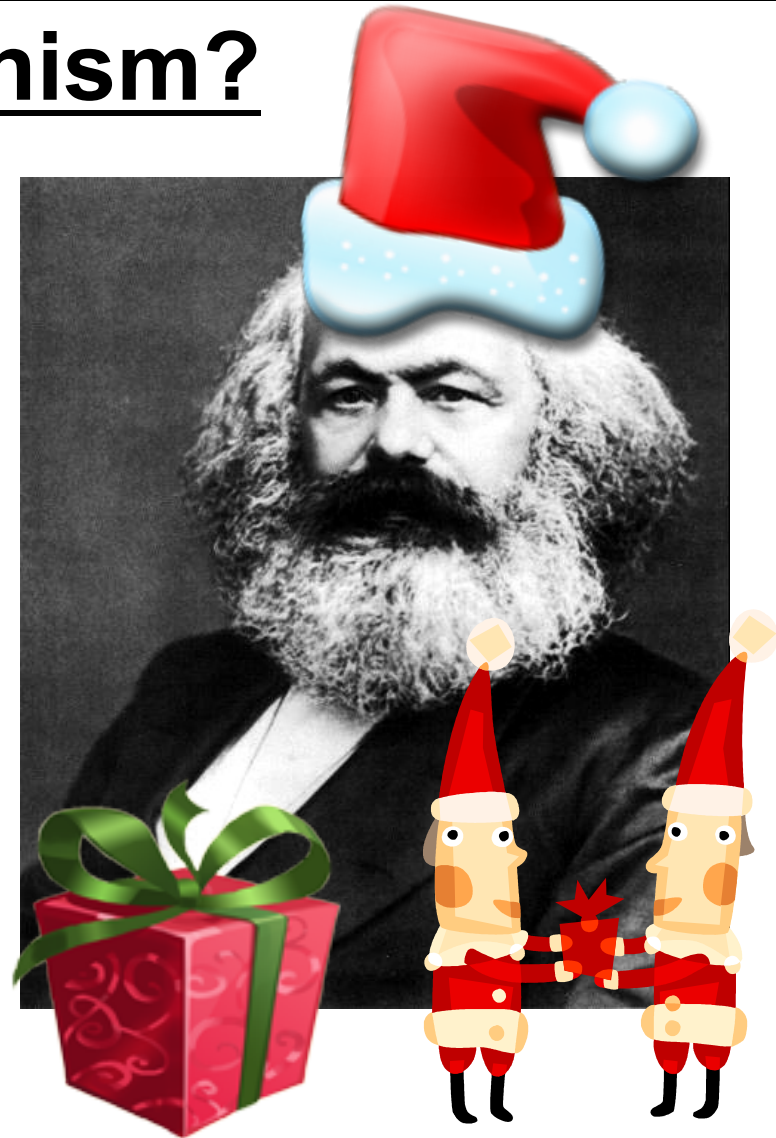
What is “communism”?

- Communism is a philosophy of government / society
 - Based on the ideals of Marxism / Socialism
- Stresses the following:
 - Classless / stateless society
 - Common ownership of all resources
 - No private property
 - Social equality



Who came up with the basic ideas of Communism?

- Karl Marx (1818 – 1883)
 - German by birth
 - Former college professor
 - Author / philosopher
- Hated the conditions that the Industrial Revolution had brought to workers
 - Created “Marxism” = aka “Communism”

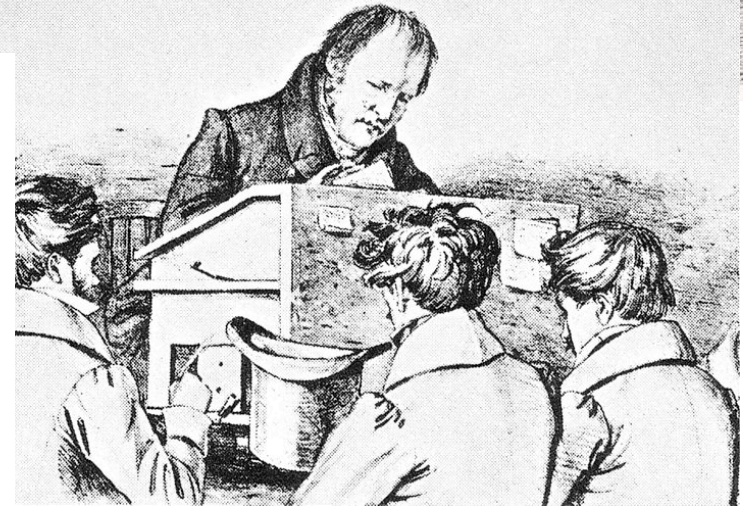


Who came up with the idea of Communism?

- Frederick Engels (1820 – 1895)
 - German by birth
 - College educated
 - Journalist / Social critic
- Had reported on the conditions of working people in Europe during the Industrial Revolution
 - Financially supported Marx & his writings



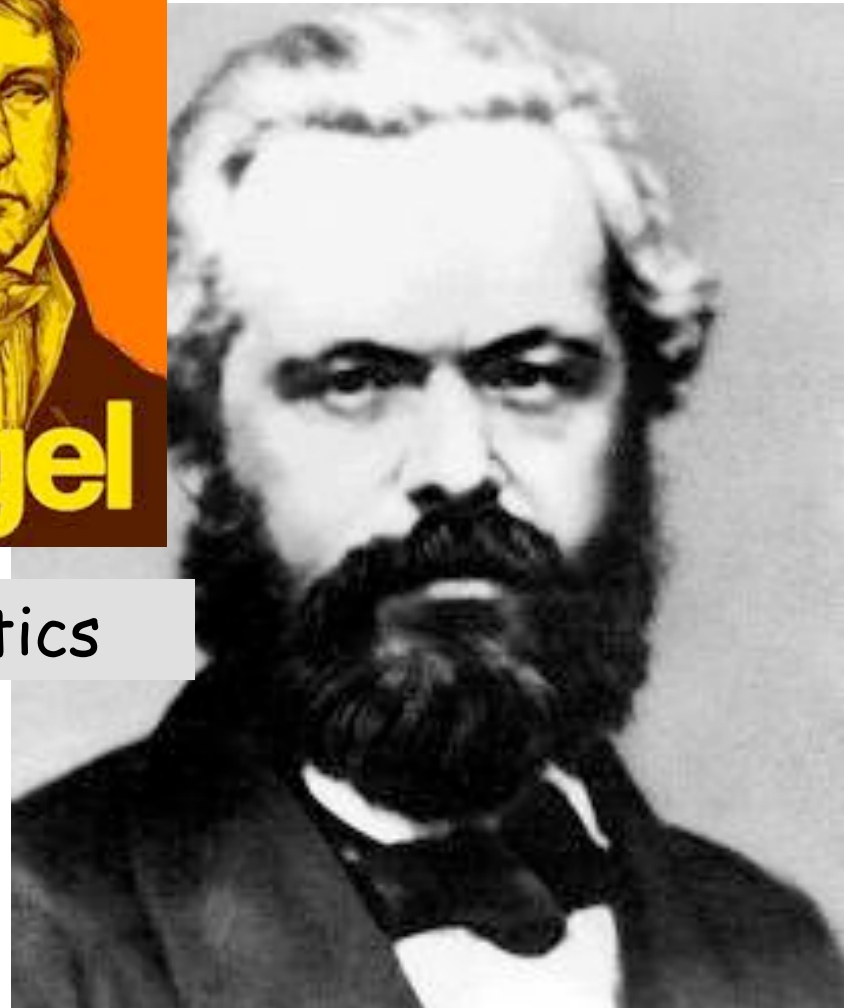
Marx's Early Life



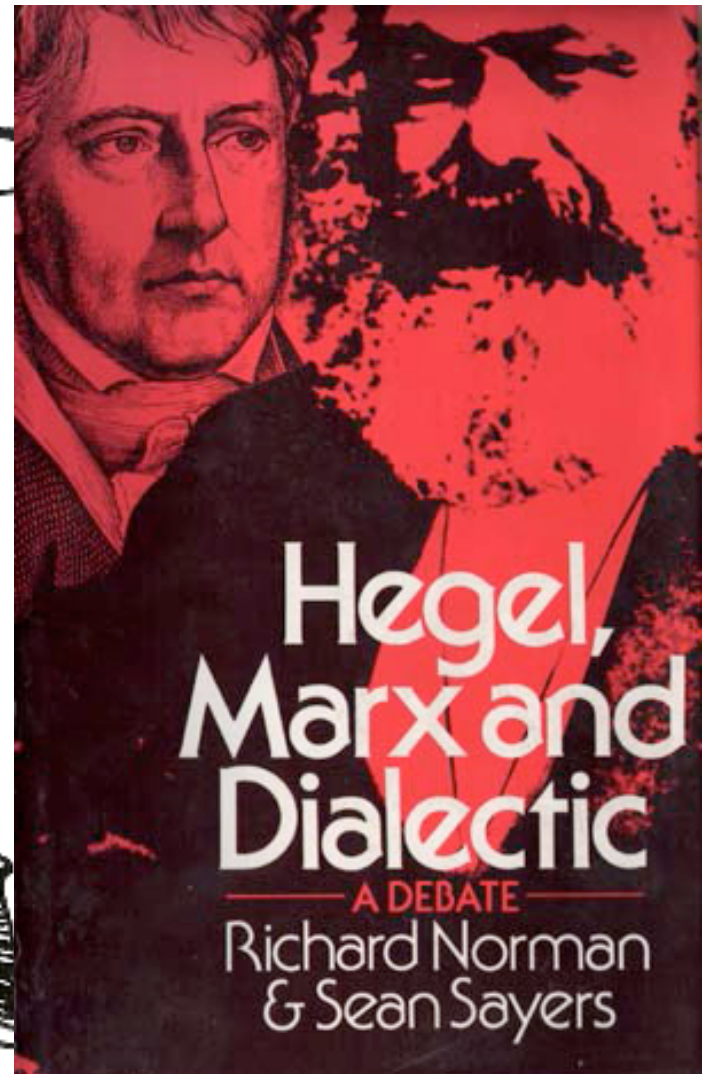
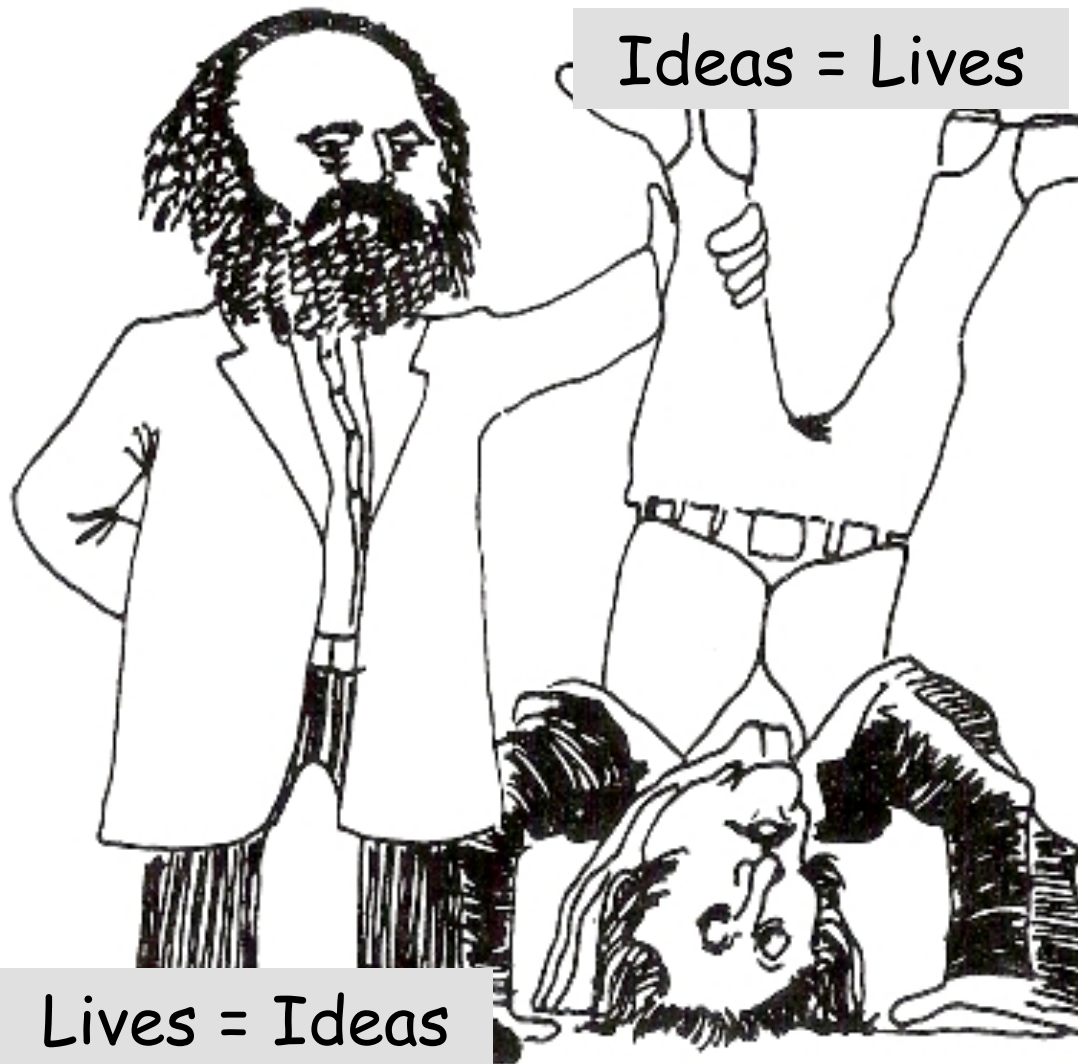
Marx & Friedrich Hegel



Dialectics



Marx's Disagreement with Hegel



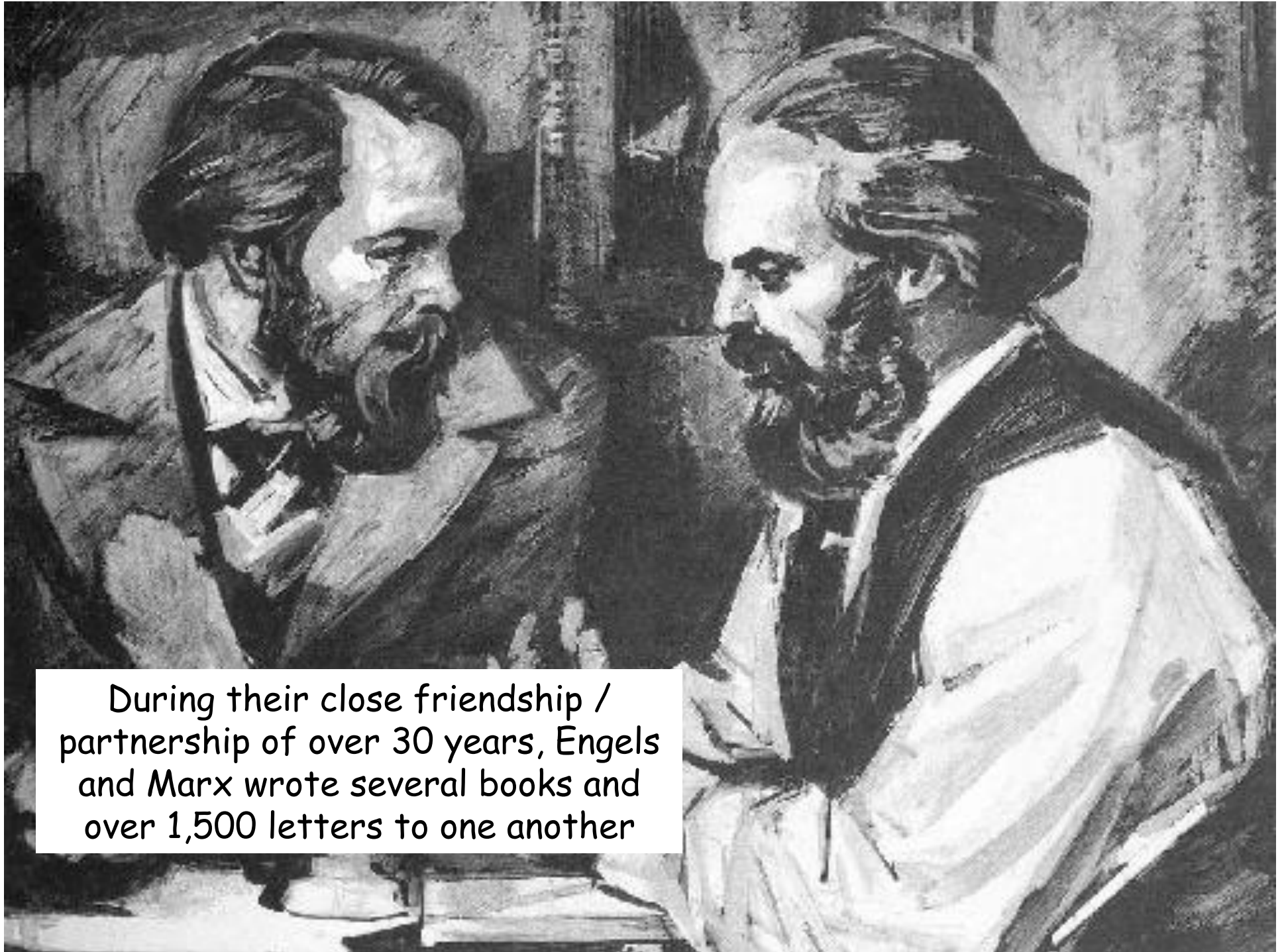
How did Marx and Engels meet?



- Marx and Engels met in Paris in 1844
 - Shared a hatred of current European industrial society
 - Shared an interest in reform
- In the 1850' s both moved to London and lived together
 - Began collaborating on writings / philosophy

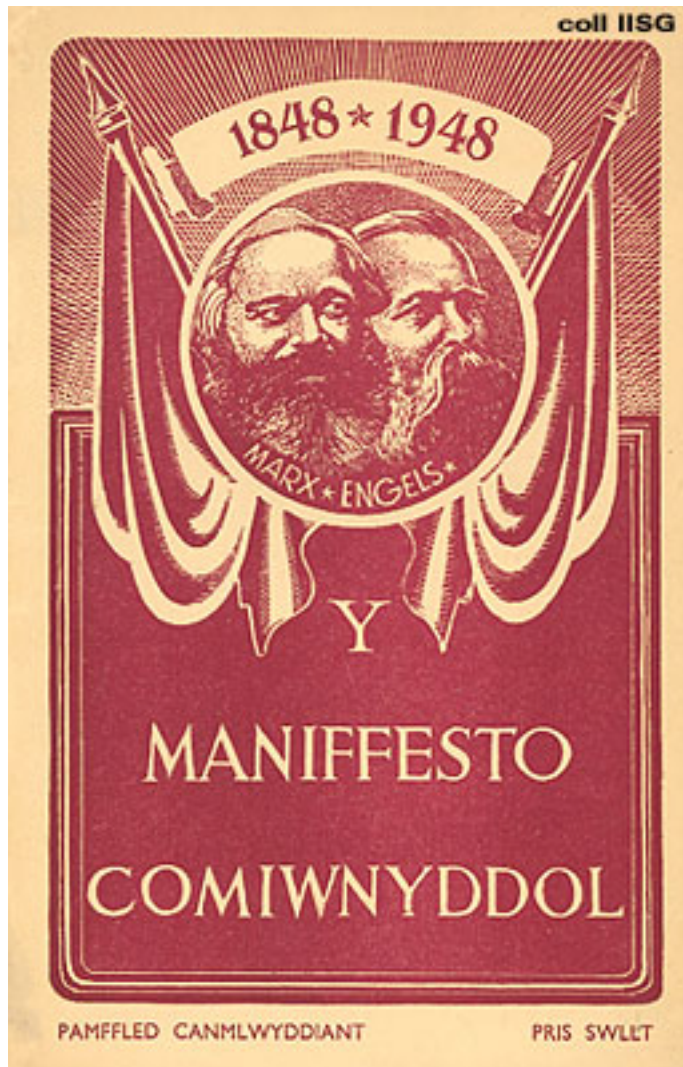


Marx & Engels' home in the Primrose Hill neighborhood of London. Live here together with their families from 1852 until Marx's death in 1883



During their close friendship / partnership of over 30 years, Engels and Marx wrote several books and over 1,500 letters to one another

What is *The Communist Manifesto*?



- The Communist Manifesto was Marx and Engels' greatest work
 - Published in 1848
- Not widely read in Europe until after Marx's death in 1883
 - Marxist "Bible"

Who are the major players in Communism?



- Two (2) groups:

1. **Proletariat** =

Working class / lower classes of society

2. **Bourgeoisie** =

Upper classes / the ones who gain wealth off the proletariat

Development of the “factory culture”



Stereotype of the Factory Owner

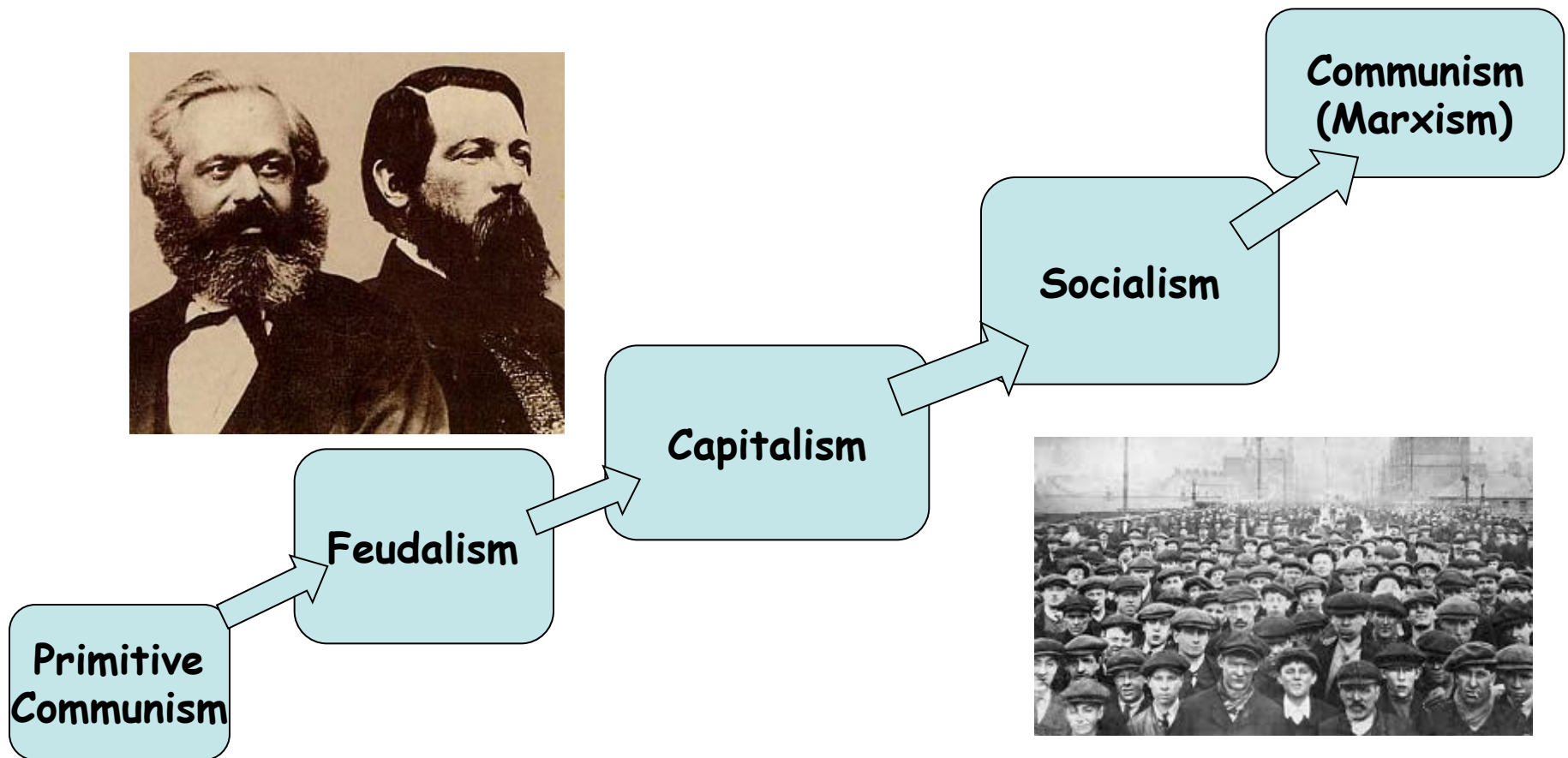


“Upstairs / Downstairs” Life



What is Marx / Engels' theories?

- Marx and Engels studied the history of the world's economies and the way that power, industry and finance are controlled.
- They saw the way countries developed in stages over world history



What is Primitive Communism?



Primitive Communism

- This is how humans first lived together - in small tribes.
- Everything was shared amongst the tribe - food, jobs, belongings. No-one owned land.
- Eventually a group comes to power - this leads to *Feudalism...*

What is Feudalism?



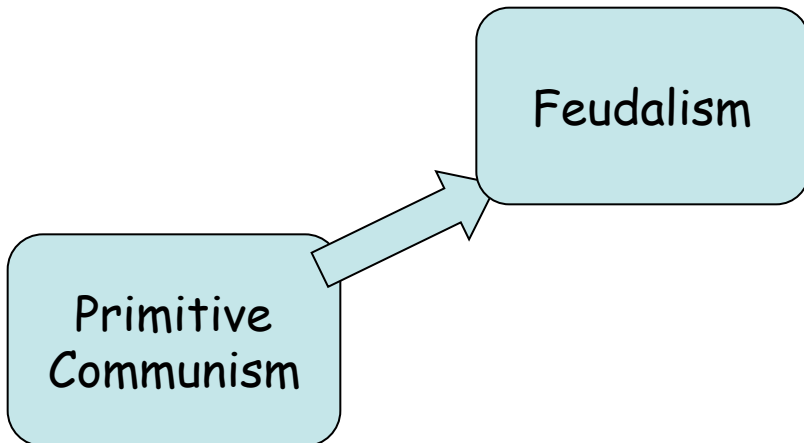
- Under feudalism, a king or emperor or chief becomes the ruler over all the people.

- He gives land and privileges to 'nobles' who rule the people for him.



- The people are kept uneducated and told that God chose the king to rule. The church helps the king this way.

- As trade develops, some people get richer. This leads to *Capitalism.....*

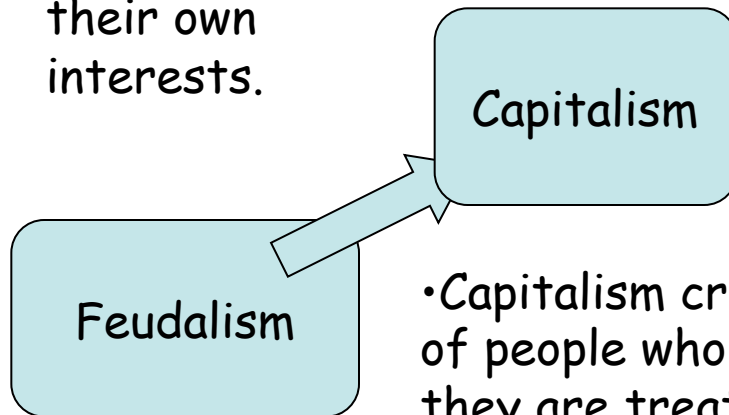


What is Capitalism?



- The business owners or capitalists get richer while the workers do all the hard work.

- The capitalists get more power to serve their own interests.



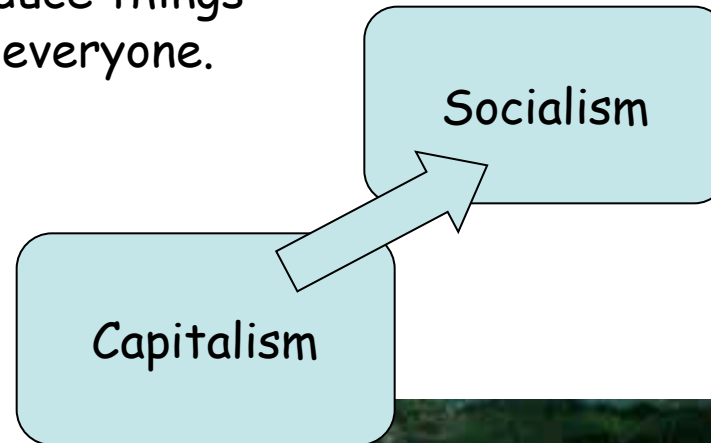
- Capitalism creates a huge working-class of people who soon get angry at the way they are treated.
- Eventually they begin to demand changes. This will lead to a revolution and *Socialism...*

What is Socialism?



- The workers take control of the country to produce things for everyone.

- Because nothing is made for profit, all people benefit from education and health.



- These ideas spread across the world to create Communism....

- In the Socialist revolution all the rulers - kings, churches, capitalists are got rid of.



What is Marxism (Communism)?



- As everyone now works together, war is a thing of the past - armies are not needed.
- Sharing means no police are needed.
- Everything is provided by the people - so money becomes a thing of the past.



- All human activity goes towards benefiting each other - allowing all to live their lives to the full.

Communism (Marxism) = “Short Version”

Step #1

- The Proletariat classes will rise up in a great uprising against the Bourgeoisie (civil war)



Step #2

- A “temporary” dictatorship will step in and help to re-develop society (re-build industry, create laws, etc.)



Step #3

- The “temporary” dictatorship will voluntarily give up power, thus creating a classless, borderless utopia

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Utopia



The Communist “Utopia”



How did Marx / Engels' work influence European society?

- Marx / Engels' work is going to influence a new generation of revolutionaries
 - Tired of corruption
 - Desiring a new society
- Marx / Engels' works are feared by many European leaders
 - Arrest, imprison, or exile many Communist leaders

