

BONUS ASSIGNMENT:
Communist Manifesto Presentation Assignment

PART 1 – Answer the following questions after reading the Communist Manifesto

- 1) What, according to Marx, is the main source of conflict throughout history?
Where does the bourgeoisie come from?
- 2) Why was exploration and colonization important to the emergence of the bourgeoisie?
- 3) What is “exchange value”?
- 4) How has capitalism’s emergence changed “human nature”?
- 5) What does he say about the wages of a profession and the respect it has?
- 6) How does the capitalist system work? What is the bourgeoisie’s interest in building transportation systems? What is the role of competition? Why does capitalism require global expansion?
- 7) What is the effect of international trade on “intellectual production”?
- 8) What is the impact of capitalism on the relations between city and countryside?
- 9) Why does capitalism produce so much?
- 10) Why do workers have to sell their labor so cheaply?
- 11) What are the social problems that capitalism brings?
- 12) What happens to the “petit bourgeoisie”?
- 13) What are the possibilities of workers to improve their situation?
- 14) Using Marx’s definition of classes, where would your own family fit in?
- 15) What is the *Lumpenproletariat*, and what is its role?
- 16) Do you agree with Marx that capitalism creates its own destruction?

PART 2 - Create a one minute presentation using Powerpoint, Prezi, Glog or some other digital presentation software on the Communist Manifesto. This will be

I. Introduction

- A. Who, what, when, where
- B. What was the purpose of the Communist Manifesto?

II. Choose two of the following terms. Define the terms **in your own words. Do not plagiarize the dictionary. State their meaning in relation to Marx and the Communist Manifesto.**

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| Specter of communism | Bourgeois age |
| Emancipation of the proletariat | Egotistical calculation |
| Private property | Free trade |
| Community property | Urban nightmare |
| Class struggles | State monopoly |
| Capitalists | |

III. Ask Marx one question. This question cannot be a yes/no question and must provoke further thought.