

KARL MARX BIOGRAPHICAL / IDEA PRESENTATIONS.

- to illustrate idea that materialism and commodities "fetishism" leads to the communist state Marx talks about.

(Goal: Show that it is true that the Exchange value is more important than the utility value):

- Ask a question to the class: Cheap option or more expensive? If you run a company who cares? Then talk about all sorts of companies that manufacture things: MAXIMIZE PROFITS.

- Then EXPLAIN how this leads to a Marxist state.

- also show that, after a couple of real examples, USA is the best candidate for a Marxist state! Because we can relate to everything Marx postulates in his theories!

[M-C-M' = money, commodity, money (> money)]

ALIENATION of worker

- from what he produces,
- from himself (he is only himself when he is working)
- from each other (competition pits man against fellow man).

"COMMODITY FETTERISM"

FALSE consciousness - those who control the production and use of natural resources control the ideas of society.

- illustrate BY: showing that if you boss is sick for a day, nothing happens, but if the sanitation workers are out - everything shuts down.

DIALLECTICAL Materialism: four stages leading up to Communism (Marxist).

- tribal system - common
- communal state system - slaves, private
- feudal system
- capitalism (communism)
- (thesis, antithesis, synthesis)

Result of conflict in feudalism. So journeyman and guildmaster, CREATED capitalist class (bourgeoisie)

- own means of production
- wage workers (proletariats)
- sell their work.
- to survive.

Eventually this class takes over.

ROAD TO REVOLUTION: as the workers create more jobs...

- wages go down, and their work becomes cheaper because they can produce more.
- they get so poor that inevitably they cannot buy their own products.
- revolution occurs: due to depression.

1. DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT.

2. COMMUNAL SOCIETY.

"From each according to his ability to each according to his need." - Marx

State controls & interests
Hegelian ideas
cannot be understood w/o thesis
Antithesis - ice = cold
Synthesis
retaliation between two

could explain this through a powerpoint w/ graphics and animated ppt just a simple narrated video to read

materials causing social economic change