THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTo – KARL MARX (1848)

*Please submit answers to Managebac*.

1. What does Marx view as the main source of conflict throughout history?
2. Why did Marx see the middle class, those who owned the factories and embraced liberal ideas, as revolutionary?
3. In what ways, according to Marx, was capitalism sowing the seeds of its destruction? In other words, what evils does Marx trace to modern industrial capitalism?
4. What vision of the future did the proletariat have, according to Marx?
5. Does Marx believe in democracy?
6. Who would control property, credit, and the means of production in his ideal society?
7. How does Marx justify the abolition of private property?

*Extended Paragraph Answer:*

1. Read the New Yorker biographical piece on Marx. Much of it is about how applicable Marxism is to today’s world. Do you think Marxist theory can be applied to today’s world? Is it relevant? Will working class people around the world eventually overthrow current systems?