

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels were the founders of modern socialism and communism.

Karl Marx was born in 1818. He studied at the University of Bonn and then moved to Berlin in 1836.

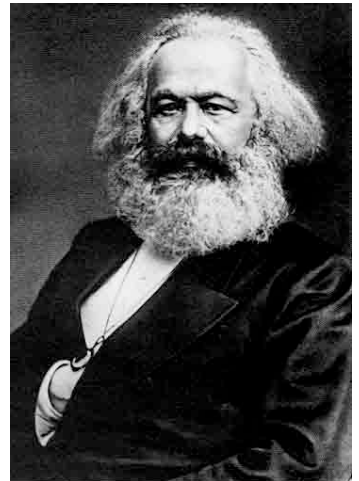
Marx, then a journalist, began a journey round Europe. He moved to Brussels where he met Friedrich Engels. Together they worked for the Communist League, and in 1848 they wrote The Communist Manifesto, which ended with the words: 'The workers have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workers of all countries, unite!'

Because of ideas like these Marx was expelled from Brussels and then from France and Germany. In 1849 he fled with his family to London. There, with the help of Engels, he developed his Communist ideas.

Marx wrote that 'Communism is the positive abolition of private property'. Under Communism, people would own all things in common and share them fairly. Marx believed this would happen, but only if working people organized themselves. That is why he became one of the leaders of the International Workingmen's Association (sometimes called the First International).

"Capital" is one of Marx's major and most influential works. It was the product of thirty years close study of the capitalist mode of production in England, the most advanced industrial society of his day.

In the years before he died, Marx suffered from bad health and poverty. Engels gave him money so he could support his family and continue his work.



founder: Begründer
chain: Kette
to expell: ausweisen
flee, fled, fled: fliehen
to develop: entwickeln
aboliton: Aufhebung
property: Besitz
share: teilen
fair: anständig
major: bedeutend
mode: Modus, Art
advanced: fortgeschritten
to suffer: leiden
to support: unterstützen

Translate:

Sie begründeten den Kommunismus.

Warum zogen sie nach Berlin um?

Wir haben nichts zu verlieren. Aber wir können eine Welt gewinnen.

Traf er seinen Freund in Brüssel?

Wer half ihm, seine neuen Ideen zu entwickeln?

Es ist die fortgeschrittenste Gesellschaft.

Er konnte seine Familie nicht unterstützen

Wer gab ihm das Geld?

Arbeiter aller Länder, vereinigt euch!