

Questions related to *The Communist Manifesto*:

1. According to Marx, even though some parts of Europe were still controlled by landed aristocrats (the traditional upper class), the bourgeoisie (or middle-class), who had originated in towns and taken over through their growing wealth as a capitalist ruling class, now dominated much of it. Why does Marx believe that “middle-class society” is prone to crisis?
2. What powerful class—powerful in numbers—have the bourgeoisie inadvertently called into being?
3. How does capitalist society view workers, and what is happening to workers’ wages?
4. Apart from the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, what is happening to the other social classes?
5. Why is the middle-class incapable of governing?
6. What will be the outcome of this situation?
7. What do the “communists” try to encourage in relation to the proletariat, and how might they be considered more advanced than the majority of the proletariat?

