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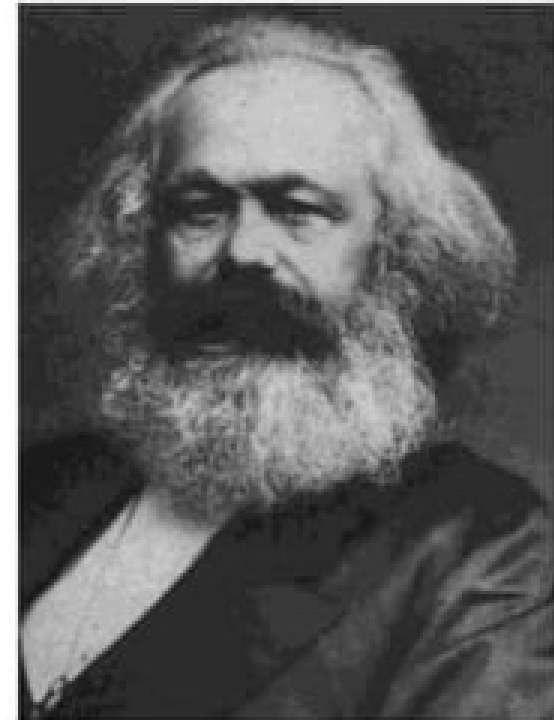
Marxism

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Use this and glossary as a Study
Guide

Karl Marx and Conflict Theory

- Father of modern socialism, communism, and conflict theory.
- Marxism is a Western intellectual tradition spanning 150 years, consisting of 3 components:
 1. A political doctrine
 2. A philosophy (or anti-philosophy) of History
 3. and an analysis of the functioning of the economy



1818-1883

Materialist Theory of History

- **Question:** What is more important than what people in a society *think* and *believe*?
- **Answer:** What they *do* and *make*! All people everywhere have to produce their means of 'subsistence' (livelihood).
- **Production is primary:** it is a necessary precondition for everything else. You must be fed before you can philosophize!

