

An exercise to guide reading on Marx

In *The Manifesto*, Marx and Engels make a number of predictions about the future evolution of capitalism.

1. Identify what these predictions are.
2. What elements of Marxian theory lead to these predictions?
3. Which of these predictions have proved correct? Incorrect?
4. What parts of the theory are called into question by the predictions which have proven wrong? How critical to an overall evaluation of the Marxian enterprise are the success and failures of prediction, given the fact that Marx was writing in 1848.

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