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**Industrial Election**

**Background:** Throughout the nineteenth century the European landscape was changing greatly. Industrialization, although positive, has created many problems that have negatively impacted many citizens. Problems such as slums, child labor and poor working conditions plague a majority of citizens. New classes are emerging, and resentment between and among those classes is growing at a rapid rate.

**Task:** An election will be held in nineteenth century Europe. The three parties running for power are

1. **The Capitalists: Thomas Malthus and Adam Smith;**
2. **The Utopian Socialists: Robert Owen and Charles Fourier;**
3. **The Marxist Socialists: Karl Marx and Frederick Engels**

Each party has their own ideas on how to solve the problems of society. You will be divided into each of the parties. It is your job to convince the majority of the common people to vote for you because of your ideas. You will present your essential ideas in a two minute introduction. We will then have a Socratic discussion to determine which party has the best chance of addressing the societal issues of Industrial Europe.

**Procedure:**

* **Homework: Research your party’s position on the following issues**
  + How do you feel about the growth of industrialization?
  + How do you feel about class inequities between the rich and the poor?
  + How do you view unfair working conditions?
  + Is Child Labor acceptable?
  + A possible slogan to represent your party?
  + What do you think are the main issues concerning voters today?
  + Two questions for each of the other two parties
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* **In class the next day** 
  + **Choose a representative to speak for your party**
  + **Prepare a poster with a SLOGAN which represents the beliefs of your political party, THE NAME OF YOUR CANDIDATES, and 3 PROPOSALS of changes that you would like to make to the current situation in Industrial Europe.**
* **Presentation – explain political position and why you are the best option for Industrial Europe**
* **Discussion and asking of questions**

**Assessment:**

* **VOTE!!!!**