

The Communist Manifesto **Dialectical Journal**



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Instructions

You are to read The Communist Manifesto in its entirety. As you do so, you will journal your responses to the authors' comments throughout the book and then write an essay dealing with your impressions of the ideas in the book.

Everyone is to read the International Publishers version (published in 1948-most recent printing in 2004) of The Communist Manifesto. If you buy your own copy you **must** buy that specific version.

Progress check—DUE: February 15 – AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS!!!

25 points—

Must have at least 60 entries completed

Completed folder—DUE: March 13 – AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS!!!

125 points—

Early Date: March 06=15 points Extra Credit if Done Correctly – AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS!!

If you turn it in early:

1. It must have at least 100 complete entries on all 26 sections and a 2-page, persuasive essay.
2. There can be no copied phrases/sentences from the book.
3. Reflections cannot be shallow, i.e. "I agree", "Wow", "Interesting".
4. It must be thoroughly self-graded.
5. The check-off sheet must be complete and accurate.

Otherwise, you receive NO extra credit.

JOURNAL INSTRUCTIONS

Your dialectical journal is composed of charts reflecting the preface and each of the 4 chapters in the book.

To achieve a particular grade, you must have the following minimum number of entries:

A—100, B—90, C—80, D—70.

Your journal must:

1. document the preface and all 4 chapters of the book.
2. have at least 1 entry every 2 pages.
3. have an entry for each section/subsection in the book
4. be typed in 12pt Arial font.
5. be single-spaced.
6. be on landscape view.
7. have the following margins: top—1.7, bottom—1.0, left—1.0, right—1.0.
8. have NO title or title page.
9. begin preface and each chapter of the book on a new page.
10. have a typed footer on the bottom left of each page, including your name and hour.
11. have a typed page number in the bottom right of each page.
12. not decorate the pages in any way.

Your chart must:

1. fill the page from the left to the right margins.
2. have 5 columns in each section's chart (see the attached sample).
3. have entries numbered in numerical order.
4. reflect accurate page numbers but the line numbers may be within a few lines.
5. include the topic of each section at the top of the first page dealing with that section.
6. have NO boxes within the chart begin on one page and finish on the next.

Your textual notes:

1. must summarize the authors' words by rewording what he said into your own words. (I should have a basic feel for what the authors said by reading your textual notes. See sample & rubric!)
2. may **NOT** copy phrases/sentences from the book.

Your reflections:

1. must show engagement with the material, not a rewording of it.
2. must ask questions.
3. must compare the authors' comments to historical examples
4. may disagree, predict what could happen, compare the text with previous text or prior knowledge, test the authors' logic, evaluate the authors' bias or offer alternative viewpoints (see sample & rubric!)

I. How many kinds of principality there are and the way in which they are acquired

The Communist Manifesto Citation			Textual notes	My reflection(s)
Citation number	Page	Line (s)		
1	5	2-3	The Paris Insurrection was the first great battle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie.	I wonder where and when previous "minor" insurrections occurred.
2	5	3-4	The Prussian police "hunted down" and imprisoned the Central Board of the Communist League	Why were they arrested—was it for solely claiming communist beliefs?

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

The essay is your reflection on The Communist Manifesto and the ideas it contains.

Your essay must:

1. not be written until you have completed the book and your journal. (You cannot have a valid opinion on the entire book if you have not dealt with the entire book. If you write an essay without having completed your journal and all 26 sections of the book, then I will not read your essay and you will receive no points for it.)
2. be typed in Arial 12 point font
3. be double-spaced
4. have 1-inch margins on top, bottom and right side.
5. have 1.5-inch margin on left side.
6. have NO title, header or footer.
7. be 2 pages in length. (To receive full credit for it, you must use the full 2 pages to within 3 lines of type. This does NOT mean “filling” to achieve that length as that weakens your essay grade.)
8. written it in our essay format with NO 1st or 2nd person.
9. make direct references to specifics from the book
10. NOT QUOTE, but may paraphrase (no need to cite)

FOLDER INSTRUCTIONS

The folder is the collection of all of the components of your project.

Your folder must:

1. be a paper folder with pockets.
2. have your journal hooked in the brads at its top.
3. have your essay hooked in the brads on its left side.
4. have the essay hooked behind the journal.
5. have no dividers.
6. have your name, your hour and the due date on the top right of the front cover and **The Communist Manifesto: Dialectical Journal and Essay** in the middle of the front (see sample). Otherwise you may decorate the cover any way you would like.

My name My Period Date due
<u>The Communist Manifesto</u> Dialectical Journal and Essay

Your folder's front pocket must have:

1. these instructions.
2. your completed check-off list. On it you must:
 - a. put your name and your hour
 - b. put the number of your journal entries on the first line.
 - c. check off only the tasks you have done.
3. your completed, self-graded rubric. On it you must:
 - a. put your name and your hour
 - b. underline the criteria in the rubric that applies to your project.
(If a comment that applies to your project is used more than once, underline it in its highest spot (i.e. "Journal hooked into brads" is used more than once).
 - c. use your underlined criteria to determine a grade for your project.
 - d. place the grades in the appropriate blanks.
4. my grading rubric. On it you must:
 - a. put your name and your hour