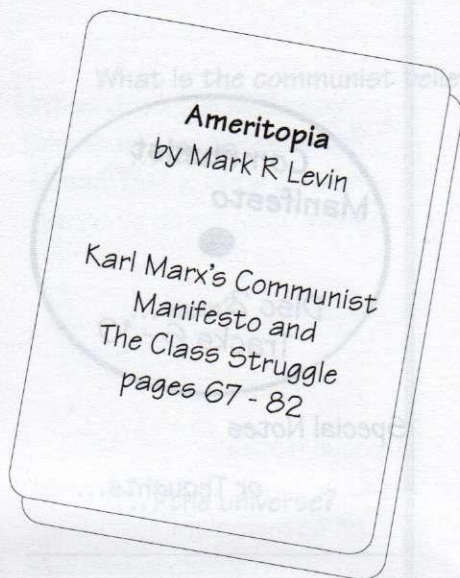


LIFE UNDER COMMUNISM

- Read Chapter 5 **Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto and The Class Struggle.**



- Marx and Engels:
"There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, Justice etc., that are common to all states of society. But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience" (Mark Levin, Ameritopia).

While the American Revolution was based upon the ideals of the Reformation, the Russian Revolution was set into the ideals of Marx and Engels. What would you expect life to be like in a country in which the laws were based upon communism?

Political Life

Would you expect there to be more freedom or more repression in a country dominated by Marxist thinking than in America?

Economic Life

Would you expect there to be greater wealth or less wealth in a country dominated by Marxist thinking than in America?

Religious Life

Would you expect there to be greater freedom for Christianity or repression of Christianity in a country dominated by Marxist thinking?

Does history support your predictions? Before looking at a timeline of events preceding and following the Russian Revolution, read **Animal Farm** by George Orwell. This little book, written as a fairy tale, presents a graphic picture of what happens when communism is embraced by a society of animals.