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### The communist Manifesto (Karl Marx, 1848)

1. How does Marx explain the rise of industry? What global effect of industry does he describe, and how accurate do these descriptions seem to you?
  - Karl Marx was a German economist, Philosopher and social scientist in 1818-1883. In 1848 Marx and his English collaborator Fredick Engels (1820-18950) published the communist Manifesto, which laid out Marx's theory of history upon which the political program of the communist party came to be based. Marx argued that the Industrial Revolution had polarized the gap between the owners of the means of production and the workers even more. His ideas had an impact in the industrialized world of the 19th century because they inspired socialist movements and took root in unions, and shaped his idea of communism.
2. Consider the list of proposals at the end of the Manifesto. Do they strike you as radical in today's terms? Why was communism a specter haunting Europe?
  - There is no government or private property or currency, and the wealth is divided among citizens equally, many of the communist tenets derive from the works of German revolutionaries. We communists have been reproached with the desire of abolishing the right of personally acquiring property as the fruit of a man's own labor which property is alleged to be the groundwork of all personal freedom, activity and independence hard-won,, self-acquired, self-earned property. A specter is haunting Europe, the specter of communism. Pointing out that it was widespread for politicians both those in government and those in the opposition to label their opponents as communists.