**MARXISM AND COMMUNISM**



“From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs” – MARX’s ten beliefs were:

-Land ownership should be abolished.

-Income tax should depend on what you earned. The more you earned, the more you should be taxed. The less you earned, the less you should be taxed.

-All rights to inheritance should be abolished.

-All property of emigrants and rebels should be confiscated.

-Centralization of all credit - state is in charge of the national bank, state capital, and the economy.

-All means of communication and transport to be centralized by the state.

-All land that was not being used would be brought under cultivation and this would help in the improvement of soil.

-He wanted all people to have an equal obligation to work and that an industrial and agricultural army be established.

-The combination of agriculture and manufacturing industries, making town and country indistinguishable through equal distribution of the population all over the country.

-Free education for all children in public school and that child labour in factories be abolished. He believed educated children would be better for society.

**At the start of the Century – the conditions in Russian were ripe for communism:**

**Of all the major states in Europe, Russia placed first in: illiteracy, economic backwardness, oppression of minorities, political despotism, social inequality.**

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| **Marxism** | **Leninism** |
| **Sought to change the world through his ideas** | **One fixed and limited goal: seize power in Russia and reshape it according to communist principles** |
| **Primacy of Economics over Politics**  | **Primacy of Politics over economics** |
| **Saw revolution as inevitable and would spontaneously after the rise and fall of capitalism** | **Attack the existing social and political system; a small group of committed revolutionaries could seize power** |
| **Reactive in Approach (it’ll happen)** | **Active in approach (Make it happen)** |
| **BOTH BELIEVED IN THE INEVITABLE VICTORY OF COMMUNISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**  |

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