CHAPTER 19
SECTION 4
NEW WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT SOCIETY DURING THE INDUSTRIAL AGE
1. THOUGHTS ON POPULATION

- In 1798, BRITISH ECONOMIST, THOMAS MALTHUS wrote *AN ESSAY ON THE PRINCIPLES OF POPULATION*.

- He argued that POVERTY could not be stopped since the POPULATION was greater than the FOOD SUPPLY.

- War, Disease, and Famine would control population, but if the GOV’T and CHARITIES helped the POOR, the population would grow making the life of the poor even harder.
2. THOUGHTS ON WAGES

- DAVID RICARDO was a LAISSEZ-FAIRE ECONOMIST who believed that the GOV’T should not RAISE WAGES because then people would want to have more KIDS that they could not feed.

“There can be no rise in the value of labour without a fall of profits.”

David Ricardo
3. THOUGHTS ON THE ROLE OF GOV’T

- BRITISH PHILOSOPHER JEREMY BENTHAM believed in UTILITARIANISM (THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF GOOD FOR THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF CITIZENS)

- Another Brit. Philosopher, JOHN STUART MILL, interpreted UTILITARIANISM to mean that GOV’T should work to improve lives of the WORKING CLASS.
4. UTOPIAS AND SOCIALISM

- ROBERT OWEN set up a UTOPIA called NEW LANARK. He built houses for his mill workers, shortened hours, and opened schools for children.

- In the early 1800’s SOCIALISM was started. Instead of individuals owning the MEANS OF PRODUCTION (factories, farms) the people are the owners and share the profits.
NEW LANARK, SCOTLAND
5. MARX and COMMUNISM

- In 1848 a GERMAN named KARL MARX wrote the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO.

- He thought history was a struggle between the haves and the have-nots because the haves always owned MEANS OF PRODUCTION.

- He predicted that in the future the PROLETARIAT (workers) would overthrow their GOVT’S, profits would be shared, and there would be NO CLASSES.
KARL MARX

The Communist Manifesto

Karl Marx

Friedrich Engels
6. WAS MARX RIGHT?

- Communism spread to Russia, where it existed for most of the 1900’s, and many Asian and Latin American nations fought revolutions for it.

- Only a few Communist nations remain, and the problem with it, is that the Gov’t owns everything and POVERTY increases.