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IN DISCUSSION WITH

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KARL MARX (1818-1883)

FACTS.... Where was he from.... What was his field of study... Which other academics influenced his work...

Why is his work of importance...

NAME TWO OF MARX MOST FAMOUS BOOKS

Explain Marx concept of bourgeoisie and proletariat and the significant of the difference of these two in his work....

SOCIOLOGY

Is there a distinctive class divide in Irish society? If so what class are you? Do you believe like Prof. Allen that the Irish state defends the privileged?



Who was James Connolly, and how were his actions influenced by Marx?

Marx saw religion as a form of oppression, discuss Ireland's history and how the relationship between state & church has impacted Irish society.





Give a brief history of the birth of the Irish government as we know it....

Who was Jim Larkin, and what is the importance of a strong Trade Union movement? Do we have it here?

DISCUSS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF CAPTIALISM AND ITS HISTORY WITH YOUR CLASS. HOW HAS IRELAND BEEN SHAPED BY CAPITALISM, WAS IT GOOD OR BAD FOR US?



Marx is interested in power structures and how they are kept in place; in your own life, what power structures affect you? Think about your home and school, and wider community and then think about wider society, and government.

What power do you have as an individual citizen in Ireland? How could you access power to create change?

