



Karl Marx

1818-1883

**A drunken author, and believer
that revolutions are inevitable.**

The Communist Manifesto

Get to Know Karl Marx:

Co-President of the *Trier Tavern Club*

While attending University, Marx was a member of a social club where getting belligerent was a requirement. During his reign as co-president, Marx and the other members would antagonize other clubs on campus. This behavior eventually got him a nice, and cozy 24 hour stay in jail.

A Man Without A Country

Although Marx is considered a German social theorist, there was a time in his life where he truly did not belong anywhere. He was run out of several countries, including, France, Prussia, England, and Belgium.

"The Wretchedness of Existence"

Marx did not lead an easy life whatsoever. He was quite literally plagued by health issues throughout his life. He was a man of many bad habits, which likely causes many of his ailments. He suffered from depressive episodes, migraines, optic inflammation, joint pains, liver and gallbladder disfunction and, to top it all off, insomnia. Karl Marx worked late at night, and drank profusely, leading to several of these issues

Get to Know Karl Marx:

The Great Pant Pawning

Marx was human, just like you and me. He endured his fair share of financial hardship. At one point, he and his wife were so poor that Marx was forced to stay home because his wife, Jenny, had to pawn his pants to afford to buy food. He was poor for many years, and even died a poor man.

Karl Marx-The Journalist

Marx spent a little bit of his life as a journalist. He wrote for a newspaper in Germany called "Rheinische Zeitung." He would write on various topics such as housing conditions in Berlin, and theft statistics amongst peasants. This is interesting because he later made his mark in the New York Times, decades after he died.