

# Introduction To History/ Assignment 2

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*Deadline : 18<sup>th</sup> October, 11:59PM*

*WordLimit : 1500words*

## Question

Based on the given readings, explain how Marxist Historiography can be used to study Indian History. Do you find any Limitations of Marxist Methods? Please elaborate using one incident or aspect from modern Indian history.

- For example you can use incidents like
  - Quit India Movement
  - Rebellion of 1857
  - Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
  - Constitution Making in Independent India from 1946-1950
  - Building the Indian Railway Network
  - Making of the Indian Army from 1857 – 1947
  - Or any other Aspect of your Interest.

## Readings

- Karl Marx: Communist Manifesto, Chapter 1.
- Karl Marx: "British Rule in India, 10 June 1853"
- Karl Marx: "Future Results of British Rule in India, 22 July 1853"
- D D Kosambi: "Social and Economic Aspects of the Bhagvad Gita"
- Irfan Habib: "Potentialities of Capitalist Development in the Economy of Mughal India"
- Irfan Habib: "Kosambi, Marxism and Indian History"
- S.H. Rigby: "Marxist Historiography"

## Reference Books

- Sumit Sarkar: Modern Times
- Michael Mann: South Asia's Modern History
- Shekhar Bandhyopadhyay: From Plassey to Partition

Note:

- The **Reference books** are only for reference to events in Indian history, they are not to be read in full for this assignment (an impossible task in any case).
- Plagiarism will be penalized.