Below is a pretty good article on marker interfaces.

http://muhammadkhojaye.blogspot.com/2010/02/are-marker-interfaces-dead.html

Below stackoverflow link discussed on why clone is not declared in cloneable interface

http://stackoverflow.com/questions/13670152/why-is-clone-not-in-the-cloneable-interface

Below Wikipedia article on clone method is also good

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clone_%28Java_method%29

Below is an interview with Joshua Bloch where he mentions about Cloneable's design as a marker interface is a flaw.

http://www.artima.com/intv/bloch13.html

Below, is a stackoverflow question on shallow & deep copy. It is more or less a coverage of what we discussed in our lesson

http://stackoverflow.com/questions/184710/what-is-the-difference-between-a-deep-copy-and-a-shallow-copy