

DOCUMENT REPORT: THE ATTITUDES OF THE BOURGEOISIE

i. Description and Purpose

The [first] assignment of this course is a document report on a chapter from *The Conditions of the Working Class in England* (1845) by Friedrich Engels (1820–1895) entitled “The Attitudes of the Bourgeoisie toward the Proletariat.” You will carefully and critically read through this chapter and reflect upon Engels’ description of the bourgeoisie in England in the early 1840s. What was his overall vision of the bourgeoisie? How did Engels describe the bourgeoisie and what type of language did he use? What were his major critiques of the bourgeoisie? Did he make any distinctions between different members of the bourgeoisie? Did he find any redeeming qualities in the bourgeoisie? These are just a few of the questions you need to ask yourselves as you read through “The Attitudes of the Bourgeoisie toward the Proletariat.” The purpose of this assignment is to think about some of the reactions to industrialization in Europe in the first half of the nineteenth century. This document analysis is designed to provide you with an opportunity to exercise your historical imagination and to engage with a primary source in a critical fashion. You must think about Engels’ biases and how he viewed the world he was experiencing.

ii. Important Details

Due Date, Time, and Place: To be determined (email before midnight)

Length: [XX] pages (double-spaced, 12-font)

Sources:

- Friedrich Engels. “The Attitudes of the Bourgeoisie toward the Proletariat.” In *The Conditions of the Working Class in England* [1845] (Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1987): 275–292.