**Workers Rally - 1849**

4 groups try to convince workers that their way is the best way to **improve the lives of workers** and **bring lasting peace to Europe.**

* Socialism according to Marx
* Utopian Socialism
* Anarchy
* Capitalism should reign supreme!

You must include the following on a poster:

SLOGAN

SYMBOL

MAIN ATTRIBUTES

Your group will present a PERSUASIVE SPEECH

Everyone in your group must participate in the rally.

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| **Workers’ Rally Preparation - follow the steps below**:1. Discuss the definition, characteristics, and principles of your economic system. 2. Discuss specific events and people associated with your economic system. 3. Discuss groups of people who would support your position and why. What benefits would they receive?4. **List** **& discuss** the ways your economic system offers the best chances for workers’ lives to improve and an opportunity for lasting peace in Europe. 5. Discuss groups of people who would oppose your position and reasons for opposition. 6. **List & discuss** the weaknesses of your philosophy. Be prepared to defend your philosophy. Other groups will point out your weaknesses-how do you turn negatives into positives? 7. Write an opening statement that will “hook” your audience. 8. Divide up speaking parts- everyone must speak.9. **List & discuss** the weaknesses of the other economic philosophies.\*\*Your group will have to turn in answers to #1-6.  |
| **While the debate is going on…**What are the other groups’ arguments about their economic system? Write them down so you can address each specific argument.  |

Teacher notes about Workers Rally

* Students were assigned readings and questions about each of the economic systems prior to the activity.
* I provide the last 40 minutes of one block for groups to do their prep work.
* They are then given 5 minutes at the beginning of the next block to regroup.
* The workers rally lasts about 45 minutes.
* Each group presents their poster and their speech.
* Time should be allowed for groups to question each other.
* You can invite administrators or study block students to be the “workers” at the rally. They can vote on the group with the best presentation.