Marx’s socio-economic theory

From reading a summary of Marx’s socio-economic theory in the Communist Manifesto, as well as from the lecture and class notes, you will learn the main points of Marx’s position:

1) Critique of the capitalist method of production and appropriation (Manifesto Chapter 1);
2) Foundations of the socialist socio-economic system (named by Marx “communist”; Manifesto Chapter 2).

The tasks for the class presentation/discussion are as follows:

1. Based on Manifesto, Chapter 1, present an argument for or against the capitalist system (if your point is in favor, obviously you will have to refute or argue against one of Marx’s points).

2. Based on Manifesto, Chapter 2, present an argument for or against the socialist system (if your point is against, obviously you will have to refute or argue against one of Marx’s points).

3. Based on your knowledge of the Franciscan socio-economic teaching so far, compare and contrast the Franciscan position to Marx’s and answer the question: is the Franciscan position more socialist or more capitalist? Explain why using concrete points.