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### **Karl Marx (1818 - 1883)**

was a German philosopher, economist, historian, sociologist, political theorist, journalist and socialist revolutionary.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl\\_Marx](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Marx)

### **Charles Dickens (1812 - 1870)**

was an English writer and social critic. He created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded by many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era. Critics and scholars had recognized him as a literary genius. His novels and short stories are widely read today.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Charles-Dickens-British-novelist>

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### **Karl Paul Polanyi (1886 - 1964)**

was an Austro-Hungarian economic historian, economic anthropologist, economic sociologist, political economist, historical sociologist and social philosopher. He is known for his opposition to traditional economic thought and for his book *The Great Transformation*, which argued that the emergence of market-based societies in modern Europe was not inevitable but historically contingent. Polanyi is remembered best as the originator of substantivism, a cultural version of economics, which emphasizes the way economies are embedded in society and culture. This opinion is counter to mainstream economics but is popular in anthropology, economic history, economic sociology and political science.

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### **Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770 - 1831)**

was a German philosopher and is considered one of the most important figures in German idealism. He is also considered one of the fundamental figures of Western philosophy, with his influence extending to the entire range of contemporary philosophical issues, from aesthetics to ontology to politics, both in the analytic and continental tradition.

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