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Marx's concept of alienation is an essential part of the reality in capitalism. Explain

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Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts, 1844

Marx's main early statement of alienated labour.

Commodity fetishism

Capital, volume I: social relations appear as properties of things on the market.

Labour-power

The commodity the worker sells; its use produces more value than its wage, for Marx.

Species-being

Marx's term, from Feuerbach, for distinctive human creative life that wage work stunts.

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