

EXERCISE 12-3 Misplaced and dangling modifiers Before working this exercise, read section 12 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

Circle the letter of the more effective sentence in each pair. Be prepared to explain your choice. Example:

a. Deciding that there were two classes of people in the world, they were named the “bourgeoisie” and the “proletariat.”

b. Deciding that there were two classes of people in the world, Marx named them the “bourgeoisie” and the “proletariat.”

1a. Convinced that one major difference divided the people of the world into two groups, ownership of property was declared the basis for this division.

b. Convinced that one major difference divided the people of the world into two groups, Marx declared that ownership of property was the basis for this division.

2a. Marx defined anyone who owned property as bourgeois.

b. Owning property of any kind, the property defined its owner as bourgeois.

3a. Marx defined the proletariat as those who owned no property but labored to always produce wealth for the bourgeoisie.

b. Marx defined the proletariat as those who owned no property but always labored to produce wealth for the bourgeoisie.

4a. After finishing his study of economic history, Marx concluded that history is progressive and maybe even inevitable.

b. Marx, after finishing his study of economic history, concluded that history is progressive and maybe even inevitable.

5a. Denying God any role in human affairs, economic history was seen as a natural evolution in the world.

b. Denying God any role in human affairs, Marx saw economic history as a natural evolution in the world.