- Roger Price says Marx and Engel underestimated the popular appeal of Napoleon. Political conflicts were directly in conflict with their views on class based history interpretation.

- Geoff Watkins Bonaparte appeal shows that Marx missed the understanding of mass politics.

- Bob Jessop periodization of Marx’s overlapping horizons. Marx suggests the state and product modify each other and cannot be separate. However, institutional separation between state from the relations of production, which is typical under capitalism, offered a wide variety of strategic possibilities.

- Mark Cowling, the role of lumpenproletariat. Not coherently define, functions as a whipping boy in the book, criticized whenever the proletariat fails to fulfill revolutionary destiny.

- Darren Webb suggests Marx’s political analysis is unique as he still believes for working class emancipation, they must supercede fantastical abstractions if it is to be successful. To be grounded in the present is vital.

‘historical materialism’ implementation into practical concept.

As a history it is well constructed with criticism coming in the form of the involvement of the proletariat which is more substantial for pro-Bonaparte that Marx suggests.