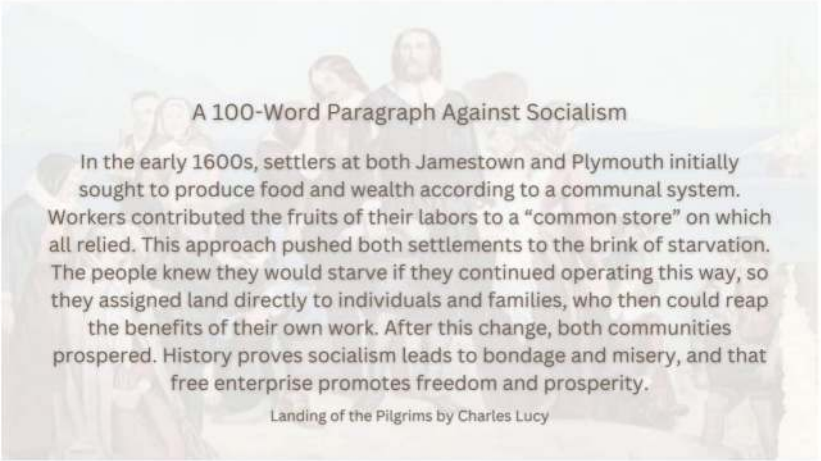


Although it isn't perfect, the free market simultaneously encourages all people (rich and poor alike) to take advantage of opportunities to improve their situations and to carve out additional opportunities to do the same. Recall what happened in Jamestown and Plymouth in North America in the early 1600s. Socialism fails every time, but free enterprise paves the way for prosperity and freedom.

The background of the text box is a faded, historical illustration titled 'Landing of the Pilgrims by Charles Lucy'. It depicts a group of men in 17th-century attire, including hats and long coats, standing on a shore. Some are looking towards the viewer, while others are engaged in conversation. The scene is set outdoors with a simple horizon line.

A 100-Word Paragraph Against Socialism

In the early 1600s, settlers at both Jamestown and Plymouth initially sought to produce food and wealth according to a communal system. Workers contributed the fruits of their labors to a "common store" on which all relied. This approach pushed both settlements to the brink of starvation. The people knew they would starve if they continued operating this way, so they assigned land directly to individuals and families, who then could reap the benefits of their own work. After this change, both communities prospered. History proves socialism leads to bondage and misery, and that free enterprise promotes freedom and prosperity.

Landing of the Pilgrims by Charles Lucy

You see, free markets encourage people of all talents and backgrounds to use their gifts creatively to find their particular niche. Opportunities involve imagination, ingenuity, innovation, productivity, and service to others. In a free market, people can actively work to fulfill the cultural commission and to follow the principles and commands in other biblical passages on work, stewardship, productivity, and charity. They benefit from the rewards that the market affords them by serving others efficiently and well.