The 19th century – Reacting to ‘modern’ revolutions

I. 18th century Political Revolutions, e.g. French and American Revolutions

- Enlightenment & the idea that governmental authority rests on consent of the governed.
- Emergence of bureaucratically administered, modern nation-states

II. Scientific Revolution (Galileo to Newton, shift to mechanistic world)

III. Industrial Revolution [dated from 1760 – 1830, transition from agricultural to industrial economy, Engels coined the phrase in 1850’s]

- Emergence of middle-class