Origins of Poverty and Hunger in the Developing World Case Study

Choose a country from the list of developing nations (below) for your case study.

Research the history (going back at least several hundred years, if not thousands of years), geography, culture, and economics of your country to explain why it is a developing nation. Try to answer these kinds of questions:

- Why is there hunger and poverty (Why didn’t this country come to rule the world like Europe did in the 19th century)?
- Who are the wealthy versus who are the poor?
- Why did the country fall behind in development (literacy, education, invention, industrialism, arms, wealth)?
- How did the poor get poor?
- How is poverty perpetuated?
- Is your country being exploited for resources (or was it in the past) by other world powers?
- Was it a colony or under imperialist control?
- Is its economy dependent on developed countries?
- Is it engaging in modernization?
- What are the geographical, economic, social and political features (past and present) of your country that affect its poverty?
  - Consider: climate, quality of land, ability to grow food, ecological destruction, exports, imports, GNP, education, technology, religion, population pressures, women’s status, political and economic democracy, history of conquest, domination of one racial, cultural, or economic group over another, etc.
- What are the ethical implications of poverty and hunger in your country?

Write a 2-3 page, typewritten paper, 1-1.5 spaced, on this subject using at least three scholarly references (with proper citation) in your research.

Your report must include at least one ethical argument. Address whether an issue is or is not morally acceptable, giving a reasoned argument based on an ethical theory or principle.

FSHN students will include their paper in their portfolio

Grading Rubric

A: Well researched, informative, thoughtful presentation of the reasons for poverty and hunger in your country and excellent analysis of the historical, social, ethical, political and economic implications of it. Report integrates and interrelates your topic with other concepts and ideas.
covered in class relating to poverty, ethics, agriculture, women’s status, etc. Scholarly references are used.

**B:** Informative presentation of the reasons for poverty and hunger in your country, and good analysis of the historical, social, ethical, political and economic implications of it. Does more than a minimal job of integrating and interrelating your topic with other concepts and ideas covered in class relating to poverty, ethics, agriculture, women’s status, possible policy changes, etc. Scholarly references are used.

**C.** Fair presentation of the reasons for poverty and hunger in your country, and analysis of the historical, social, ethical, political, and economic implications of it. Integrates the topic with other concepts and ideas covered in class relating to poverty, ethics, agriculture, women’s status and policy changes. Scholarly references are used.

**List of the poorest developing nations**

Afghanistan  
Algeria  
Angola  
Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Bangladesh  
Benin  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Cape Verde  
Central African Republic  
Colombia  
Congo Congo (DR)  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Cuba  
Djibouti  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia
Gambia (The)
Georgia
Ghana
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea Bissau
Haiti
Honduras
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Jordan
Kenya
Korea (DPR)
Laos
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Occupied Palestinian territories
Pakistan
Peru
Philippines
Russian Federation (Caucasus)
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Swaziland
Syria
Tajikistan
Tanzania
Timor-Leste
Uganda
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe