

Film Quizzes

Note: You need RealPlayer to watch these films. RealPlayer is a free download.

Quiz #1: The Legacy of Malthus

The Legacy of Malthus

http://media.albany.edu:8080/ramgen/cellar/geography_and_planning/huang/the_legacy_of_malthus.rm

Please briefly answer the following questions. The quiz is due on Sept. 13th.

- 1) Why does the movie compare a village in contemporary India to Scotland in 19th century? What are the similarities?
- 2) What is the real problem, according to Indian villagers and Scottish crofters? Poverty or overpopulation? What do they think are the main reasons for their poverty?
- 3) Is the "Green Revolution" a solution? What are the impacts of the "Green Revolution" according to Indian villagers?
- 4) What are the major components of the Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) funded by IMF? Is SAP a solution?
- 5) The World Bank and the Rockefeller Foundation implemented family planning programs in India. Is family planning a solution? Why has not it been very successful in India? Which camp(s) does the World Bank belong to? Should these international agencies, as outsiders, design programs/solutions to solve problems in India and other developing countries?
- 6) So, what is the solution, according to the villagers? What is the solution according to the crofters? What do you think should be done?

Quiz #2 Chinatown: Strangers in a Strange Land

Chinatown

http://media.albany.edu:8080/ramgen/cellar/geography_and_planning/huang/chinatown_strangers_in_a_strange_land.rm

- 1) What are the push and pull factors for Chinese to immigrate to the U.S.?
- 2) What kinds of social networks and institutions are available to facilitate the immigration of Chinese?
- 3) What are the major contributions by Chinese immigrants?
- 4) What kinds of discrimination have Chinese immigrants experienced in the U.S.?
- 5) What theories can be used to explain the immigration of Chinese to the U.S.?

Quiz #3: La Ciudad (The City)

The City

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1. Describe the working conditions for new Latin American immigrants (please refer to both construction workers and textile workers). American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) argue that "US immigration laws support sweatshop practices". Do you agree with the statement or not? Why? What can the government do to avoid exploitation and violation of labor rights?
2. Can illegal immigrants and their children access public services such as education and health care? Why or why not? Should public employees such as school teachers and nurses/doctors be allowed to ask for documentations before they provide services?
3. National Network for Immigration and Refugee Rights reports that immigrant women are among the most vulnerable to exploitation, abuse and human rights violations in the United States. In addition to gender discrimination, their additional responsibilities of family and their lack of documentation often force them to work under sweatshop conditions, sometimes with their children at their side because they can't afford a babysitter, other times leaving their children in their native country. How can the government change the immigration laws (and labor laws) to avoid exploitation of immigrant women?

Quiz #4: Save the Earth, Feed the World, part 7 of “Race to Save the Planet” series.

Race to save the Planet

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- 1) Since 1950, food production has increased_____ times, while population has increased ___times.
- 2) What kinds of health and environmental consequences of using pesticide in the Central Valley in California are discussed in the film?
- 3) What are the requirements for the miracle crop IR8 to produce high yields? What are the consequences/problems associated with adoption of IR8?
- 4) What are the main reasons for soil degradation and soil loss in Australia?
- 5) What can we learn from the experience in Sub-Saharan?
- 6) What are alternative methods of food production to feed the growing population in a sustainable fashion?

Quiz #5 An Inconvenient Truth

An Inconvenient Truth

http://media.albany.edu:8080/ramgen/cellar/geography_and_planning/huang/an_inconvenient_truth.ram

- 1) According to Al Gore, what are the main causes for global warming? What are his assumptions? Is population growth the main cause for global warming? Why or why not?

- 2) What are the potential solutions proposed in the film to slow down the global warming? How would the three camps (Neo-Malthusian, Neo-Maxist, Cornucopian) answer this question differently? What do you think is the most important strategy to combat global warming? What can we do, individually and as a nation, to slow down the global warming?