

Solving Food Shortages:

Readings & Research Questions



1. Read the “Alternative Strategies to Increase Food Supply” article and summarize each of the four strategies to increase the global food supply.
2. Read the “Case in Point – Sudan” article and explain how each of the following factors has impacted food supplies in Sudan: drought, international community, social inequity, and conflict. What steps could be taken in each of these four areas to improve the situation?
3. Select one of the research questions below and write a two-page brief about its implications in solving food shortages.
 - a. “The rich must live more simply so that the poor may simply live.” Discuss this statement.
 - b. Some animals in the developed world, such as pets, racehorses, zoo animals, and farm animals, are better fed than some people in the developing world. Discuss this statement.
 - c. Discuss the possible causes of inadequate food production in developing countries, noting where possible, how some factors are linked to others.
 - d. Discuss what is meant by “The Green Revolution”.
 - e. “The countries of the developed world produce enough surplus food to feed those in need in other countries. As a result, the issue is seen by other people as a problem of distribution rather than of production: in other words, the developed world should provide food for the developing world.” Suggest different methods in which the developed world could provide food to the developing world, and discuss the relative advantages and disadvantages of each method.
 - f. Using the same statement in (e) above, discuss the idea that developing countries should rely for some of their food on the developed countries rather than producing it themselves.