

Introduction Essay Assignment

You can choose to write a 500 word essay on any of the topics below, or write an opinion piece on a topic of your choice (be sure it's something you find interesting)

- 1) In the 1980s and 1990s, the US committed between \$25-30 per capita of aid to Egypt, while committing between \$0.5-1 per capita to other countries. (Given the current turmoil in Egypt), do you think this is an example of foreign aid making things worse?
- 2) "Poverty traps only exist because the poor do not save." Argue whether you think this statement is true or false.
- 3) Do you think world poverty could be solved in 20 years if developed nations raised aid to \$195 billion a year?

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