

Homework 3: Due Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

Read Article 17: *The Population Surprise* by Max Singer Open ended questions must be answered by a few *complete* sentences. Sentence fragments do not count.

1. What is the main thesis (or conclusion) of this article ?
2. How does the author support his conclusion ?
3. Explain what a “demographic transition” is (refer to your textbook too).
4. There is an obvious flaw in the author’s reasoning. What is this flaw (hint – look at his examples) ?

5. Do you see all societies on Earth becoming “modernized” anytime soon ?

6. Does the author have a Malthusian worldview ? Explain why or why not.

**7. Read pages 62-63 *The Scarcity Myth* and look at the graphic on pages 66-67.** How does this description of conditions in “less-developed” countries compare with the previous authors ?

8. What world view do the authors of *The Scarcity Myth* subscribe to, Malthusian or “Marxist” ? Explain.

9. Which author did you find more believable/convincing ?