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 related to the lecture's required reading.

1) Why do famines occur?

2) “Direct transfers of food aid would be more effective than food subsidies to improve nutrition in developing countries.” Argue whether you think this statement is true or false.

3) 68% of Americans are currently obese or overweight. What has the US government done to address this issue, and why has or hasn't it worked?