

Reflection exercise 2

New Ideas from Dead Economists

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1 What are the three *biggest* ideas you learned from reading about Thomas Malthus?

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2 From what you read, why do you think Malthus made the kind of predictions he did? Would you have made similar predictions given you were in his situation? Do you sympathise with him? Why or why not?

3 Would you say some of the Malthus's ideas are still relevant today? If yes, what are the current problems where we see the Malthusian ideas reverb?

4 One of the issues related to Malthusian economics is that he ignored the possibility of immigration leading to higher population, not just higher birth rates coupled with lower death rates. What, in your understanding, are the economic issues policymakers should care about in dealing with immigration? Explain at least three issues.

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5 In your understanding, what does Malthus get right? What does he get wrong? Please explain why.

6 Explain with examples how some of the government policies worldwide have been affected by Malthusian ideas.