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MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATIONS TAKEN BY THE INTRODUCTION TO

MALTHUS’ “AN ESSAY ON THE PRINCIPLE OF POPULATION”

* Since 12,000 years ago, with the introduction of sedentary agriculture, the world’s population has grown exponentially.
* Food fundamentally constrains population growth.
* The principal problem linked to the addition of food is that people starts to grow exponentially, while the same food will be able to replenish itself but will not multiply exponentially.
* For this reason, the population increase is short-lived.
* Many people die of hunger and the world returns to equilibrium.