

Hunger in World History

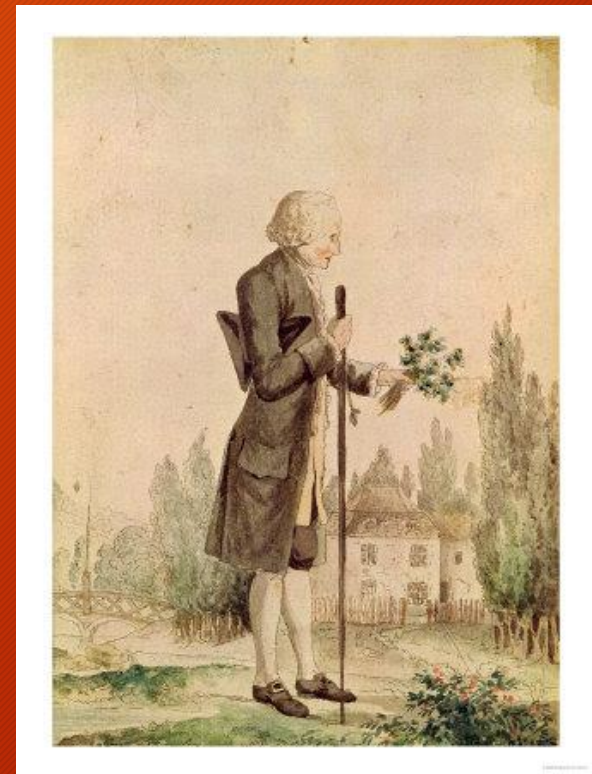
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Outline

- Thinking about Hunger
- Hunger in History
- Contemporary Hunger
- Discussion
- Hunger on the Web

Political Economy of Hunger

- Adam Smith, Invisible Hand
- Amartya Sen, Entitlements



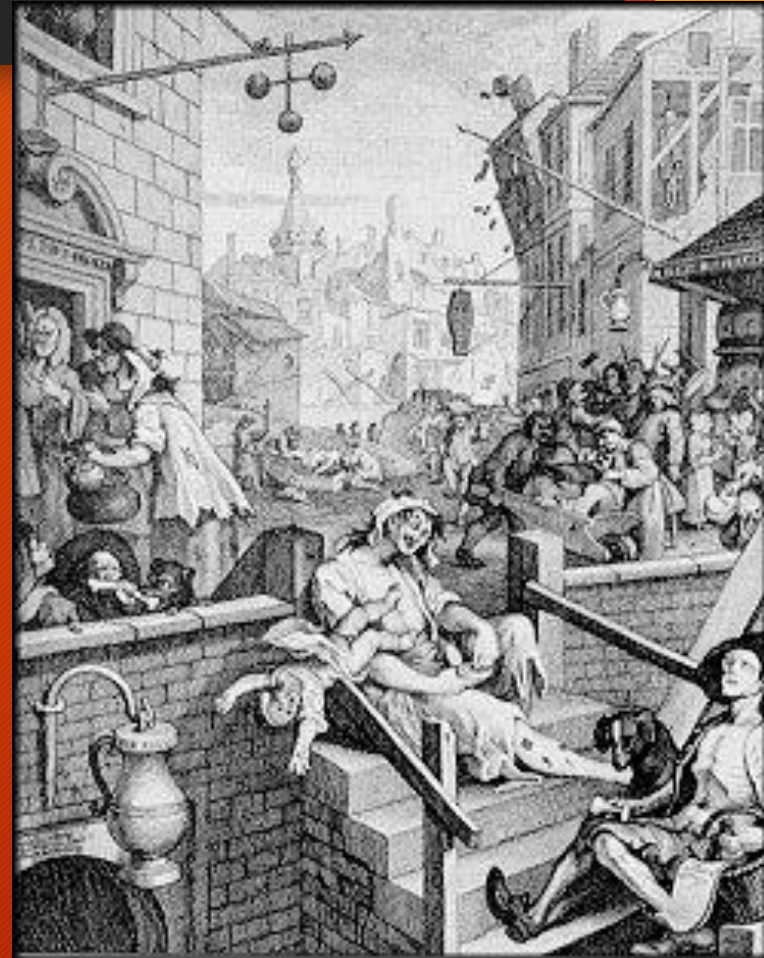
Clinical Definitions

- Acute Hunger
- Chronic Hunger
- Seasonal Hunger



Cultural Histories of Hunger

- Divine Interpretation
- Moral Interpretation
- Social Interpretation



Debating Hunger

- Marquis de Condorcet
- William Godwin
- Thomas Malthus



Ancient Hunger

- Pharaoh's Farm Bill
- The Mandate of Heaven



Early Modern Hunger

- Little Ice Age
- Moral Economy
- Mastering the Market



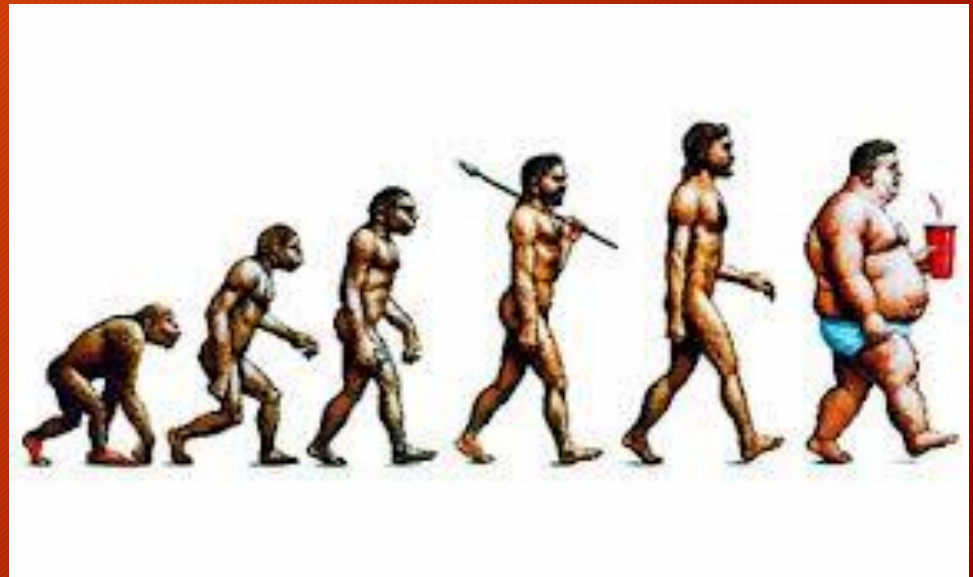
Colonial Hunger

- Irish Potato Famine
- Bengal Famine
- Postcolonial Hunger



Stuffed and Starved

- Hidden Hunger
- Nutritional Transition
- Hunger and the Welfare State
- The Obesity Epidemic



Discussion

- Are the three historical interpretations of hunger (divine, moral, and social) still present in the modern world?
- Can commercial agriculture fulfill Condorcet's prediction and end world hunger?
- Does the “hunger problem” divert attention from a more fundamental issue of poverty?

Hunger on the Web

- Hungry Planet
 - <http://menzelphoto.photoshelter.com/gallery/Hungry-Planet-Family-Food-Portraits/G0000zmgWvU6SiKM/C0000k7JgEHhEq0w>
- World Mapper
 - <http://www.worldmapper.org/display.php?selected=178>
- FAO Food Insecurity
 - <http://www.fao.org/hunger/en/>
- Our World in Data
 - <https://ourworldindata.org/food-per-person/>
- Hans Rosling
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbkSRLYSojo>