

Scaffolding

Opening paragraph

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Statement of perspective with countries and the reasons you choose to illustrate with them (do for both)

War has been polluting our world since the very dawn of time. Whether a minor verbal conflict or World War II, combat has never positively ended and argument and has always had negative effects on bystanders. As food was once a bountiful resource that seemed to have endless options, in today's world it is depleting at a rapid rate such as in Yemen's perspective where their hunger solely relies on their devastating war as well as Nigeria who's problems correspond to Yemen; while this is true, war is not the premier reason for famine as seen in countries like Haiti's perspective where famine occurs on the grounds of climate change and natural disaster. **114 words**

1st Quote

Transition to quote

Quote with citation

Points to discuss *paraphrase and use citations

Transition then, Source A, E, and J

Transition then, Content A, E and J

You could opt to do a final judgment that combines content and source

Paragraph 1

The thesis is supported by research done by Jeremy Sharp in 2017 which indicates, “In January 2017, the United Nations estimated that the civilian death toll in the nearly two-year conflict had reached 10,000. In March 2017, the World Food Program reported that while Yemen is not yet in a full-blown famine, 60% of Yemenis, or 17 million people, are in “crisis” or “emergency” food situations.” (Sharp, 2017)

VALIDATION:

Ultimately I chose this example not only because of its value in supporting my cause, but also because the author has immense expertise in the field. While it is concerning that Jeremy M. Sharp is not directly from the country of Yemen as well as receiving a degree in an American based college, it is counteracted by his expertise in Middle East affairs, his frequent visits to the country to gather information for his research as well as being published and cited by many major news outlets such as the New York Times, Washinton post, in addition to the Wall Street Journal. I believe that even though this source is not directly from Yemen the authors qualifications and education make up for it. (Sharp, 2017)

A/E/J

This information concludes that war has brought about the hunger of millions of people and due to the deaths of so many it reduces the number of people who possibly farm, work in food manufacturing, or other food supplying industries, due to the correlation of deaths and uprising famine there is an obvious problem in Yemen. As the clock ticked and war prolonged, food became more and more scarce causing a massive famine that endangered the lives of millions. I feel that because of the famine in Yemen, war is an unmatchable cause to the problem.

Paragraph 2

Further evidence that is brought to attention by Hadil Mohammed states, “For Yemen, War has had a devastating effect on Yemen’s people and its infrastructure, many civilians have been killed in the fighting and parts of the country stand on the brink of famine... Health, water and sanitation systems have

been bombed to the point of collapse leaving over 15 million people without adequate access to clean drinking water and safe sanitation. Millions more are hungry and need help in getting a decent meal.”
(Mohamed,2017)

VALIDATION:

One is able to trust this source due to the author's experience. While it is concerning that the Yemen based organization worked in collaboration with a Netherlands based association because it is unclear where the bulk of the information came from as well as not knowing which author took most control; while this is true, the organization came directly from the country, both authors come from respected organizations, as well as providing factual evidence that is cited from trustworthy sources such as UNICEF. I believe that this source is trustworthy mainly because of their involvement in the country as well as strong statistics. (Mohamed,2017)

A/E/J:

To further explain this quote, it can be identified from this quote that because of war, not only has it killed people, but it has ruined infrastructures that help supply food or clean water leaving millions in need of desperate help; additionally, war has ruined multiple supplies of clean water and without this, it makes it impossible to safely clean meats or plants in preparation of a meal. Like a bullet to the head, the effects of famine in war driven areas like Yemen are almost instant and irreversible. I think that because of war, famine is an unavoidable problem that must be handled.

Paragraph 3

As another example of how war causes famine, this excerpt claims that, “Nigeria lies across a fault line in Africa between the Muslim north, where Sharia law is commonplace, and the largely Christian south. This religious divide has added to the strong tribal identities which first became apparent to the outside world when the mainly Igbo south-east of Nigeria attempted to secede from the Federal Republic, declaring an independent Biafran Republic which lasted nearly three years from 1967 to 1970. The

bloody war that ensued between the separatist Igbo regime in Enugu and the Federal Nigerian government, saw up to 3 million civilian deaths, mainly from starvation and the effects of chronic malnutrition, in a country that was only beginning to stand on its own feet, following independence from the UK in 1960.” (Taylor-Robinson, Oleribe, 2016)

VALIDATION:

This source can be trusted because even though weaknesses include one of the authors being from a medical campus in London rather than being based in Nigeria as well as including opinionated thoughts such as the article was a “sad reflection” on past events, one of the authors is a professor based in Nigeria, both authors are highly educated in their fields, and additionally the article is considered a journal of medicine and has been reviewed and corrected many times to ensure quality. When relating the source to the topic of war and famine it is a excellent source. I believe that because of the authors experience and the journal’s praise the source is very dependable. (Taylor-Robinson, Oleribe, 2016)

A/E/J

From this information, it can be determined that even though the war in Nigeria happened many decades ago, its effects still linger over the country to present day considering that the war resulted in 3 million civilian deaths that majorly are from starvation and malnutrition. As the angel of death flew across Nigeria, the thousands dead from starvation due to the war show the world that famine is indeed a consequence of war. To my concern, as shown by the events in Nigeria war is the main cause of famine.

Paragraph 4

Adding on to why in Nigeria, famine is a result of war Lee says, “Attacks involving Boko Haram [Islamic state in Africa] have displaced more than 1.8 million Nigerians in predominantly agricultural northeast Nigeria over the last 10 years. Due to the increase in violence, many small-scale farmers were forced to abandon their farms and agricultural activities. The subsequent fall in production, rocketing food

prices, and lack of safe access to markets created one of the world's worst food security crises alongside Yemen, Somalia and South Sudan.” (Lee, 2018)

VALIDATION:

The authors credentials are important to note as it is unclear whether or not the author has had a valid education on Nigeria and what is occurring as well as it is unclear if the article was specifically written in Nigeria or if the author traveled there yet while this is true the author is part of a group called Fork the System which specializes in food around the world while additionally she has worked with the esteemed Huffington post in addition to having a background in documentaries. Lee’s involvement in Fork the System which is a praised organization and her work being published makes it easy to see that the source is very strong and well grounded. **I believe that when writing my paper, this is a strong source to use because of the authors food related experience.** (Lee, 2019).

A/E/J:

This quote provides the knowledge that attacks from another country force many food producers out of business which result in a supply-demand relationship where food prices are going to skyrocket and because countries like Nigeria are exceptionally poor many people can't afford to feed their families or even themselves. As each candle blew out and each life was lost, the correlation between war and famine became more and more clear. This final example proves to me that because of war, famine will always prevail.

Paragraph 5

In opposition to the argument, Thomas rebutes, “The country is also increasingly feeling the effects of climate change which pose a significant threat to small-scale subsistence farming upon which 70 percent of Haitians rely for their livelihoods. In recent years, the country has been suffering from multiple years

of drought, made worse by a stronger than normal El Niño [climate changes affecting the Pacific region].”
(Thomas, 2017)

VALIDATION:

This quote is key because it was taken from Alice Thomas who has an education in history yet this seems irrelevant to Haiti and their hurricanes in addition to this she is a part of Asia Law Initiative which is also irrelevant to Haiti and their problem; while this is true for Alice Thomas, she is a highly educated individual due to her attendance to Princeton University as well as the article is a field report meaning that she went to Haiti and finally is a part of refugees International which is a non-profit that advocated for refugees and displaced persons. Thomas’ strong involvement in refugee programs gives her a strong background to write this report. This source is a good source considering Thomas’ impressive education and what she has done to help the problem in Haiti (Bozeman, 2019).

A/E/J:

Although some may believe famine is a consequence of war, the quote allows the reader information that because of climate change in Haiti, farming has been held at a great risk due to the aspects of the land needed to grow food are ruined; additionally, a drought has been increasing and that affects farming because it toughens up the soil and makes it hard for plants to get the nourishment that they need. As climate changes held Haiti by the throat, they suffered due to all the harsh changes to the land in which they grow food. I recognize that while war is a large problem, the Earth’s rapid climate change is just as controversial.

Paragraph 6

We see that many factors determine famine rather than war such as when Bo writes, “[Because of Hurricane Matthew...] Half of the country's population is malnourished. According to the World Food Programme, 1.32 million people are in Phase 3 Crisis, which means they are severely food insecure. Additionally, three million people are in Phase 2 Stress, which mean they are food insecure.” (Bo, 2017)

VALIDATION:

While finding an opposition I found it crucial to find a noteworthy source to quote. The author of this article is not originally from Haiti which brings up a problem as well as she holds a degree in International Politics, International Peace, and Conflict Resolution instead of having a degree in climatology or something else; although this is true, the author has won many prizes for her journalism such as Lara prize for Best Journalist Under 30 Years Old, mainly covers Latin America, in addition to traveling to the country of Haiti. Just as a researcher would travel to a country for their topic, Thomas did the same making the report all the more dependable. To my concern, the author of this quote is a principled writer (Bo, 2019).

A/E/J:

To emphasize, the information shows that due to natural disasters like Hurricane Matthew a loss of supplies leads to emergency conflict in people's lives to where they don't have the necessities to maintain a steady lifestyle as well as not having the food they need to be healthy- resulting in a famine. As hurricane Matthew completely trashed Haiti and everything that they once knew it is seen that rather than war causing a famine, it was natural disaster. I believe that while war is still the dominant reason for famine, natural disasters and climate change are definitely strong competitors.

Closing paragraph

As a necessity for all living things, food is just about as valuable as gold. It is seen that such countries like Yemen and Nigeria are in a famine state due to intense war and attacks in their country. While these countries prove the fact that famine is a consequence of war, places such as Haiti provide opposition in proving that war is not always because of famine but due to climate change or natural disasters. When researching the topic, I originally thought that famine was a consequence of war yet when doing further research it was concluded that this was not the case at all. In the future I think that people should be more considerate of the needs of countries on the global hunger scale. I feel people should research this topic and learn about countries in need. If this is done, then food waste could potentially be reduced as well as awareness for poor countries be raised.

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