

Intro to 'Development'

How did we get to where we are?

A "Development" Timeline

Institutions: Studying Development inevitably leads to an examination of the **World Bank**, the **International Monetary Fund**, the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**, and the **UNDP** (United Nations Development Programme).

Concepts: One substantial area of study is "Sustainable Development". This will primarily be explored through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These must be examined critically in a local and global context.

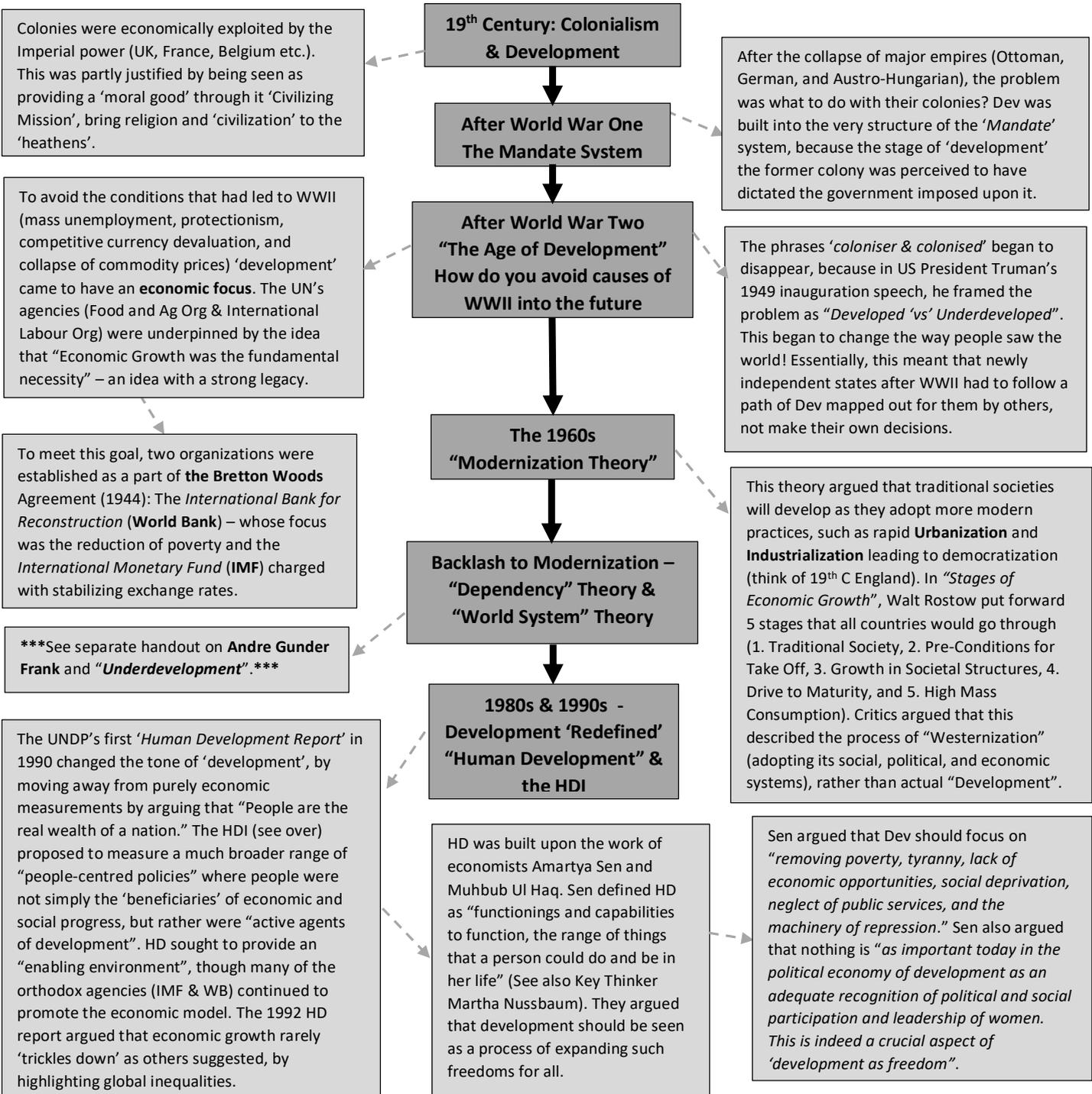
To which Key Thinkers does this term apply?

Andre Gunder-Frank and his idea of the 'Underdevelopment of Development'

Vandana Shiva and her key idea of 'Eco-Feminism'

Fr Sean McDonagh and the idea of being an 'Eco-Theologian'

One of the biggest problems when starting out in your study of 'Development' is that there isn't one set definition that you can just learn off and regurgitate in the exam. It has meant different things to different people over time. In the height of colonialism, it could be described by the phrase "the White Man's Burden", but this shifted to a focus on "economic development" in the mid-20th Century. Now the focus is on "Human" and "Sustainable" Development



Possible Essay Questions on “Development” (as drawn from the Subject Specifications)
With each title decide which ‘Key Thinkers’, concepts, and Institutions are most relevant.

1. **“Underdevelopment is caused by unfair terms of trade imposed by the west in collaboration with local leaders in developing countries.”** State whether you agree or disagree with this statement. Justify your position. [Your answer should include examples and evidence from a local or global context to support your argument. You should also refer to the views of two or more named theorists you have studied]

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2. **“Underdevelopment is caused by people in less developed countries not having the knowledge, technology and industry of people in developed countries.”** State whether you agree or disagree with this statement. Justify your position. [Your answer should include examples and evidence from a local or global context to support your argument. You should also refer to the views of two or more named theorists you have studied]

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3. **“Industrialisation in less-developed countries has driven women, who were the traditional environmental stewards in societies, into a position of powerlessness and poverty and has damaged the environment.”** State whether you agree or disagree with this statement. Justify your position. [Your answer should include examples and evidence from a local or global context to support your argument. You should also refer to the views of two or more named theorists you have studied]

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4. **“Underdevelopment is caused by corrupt local elites in less developed countries.”** Justify your position. [Your answer should include examples and evidence from a local or global context. You should refer to the views of two or more theorists you have studied]

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5. **“Technology and the laws of the free market will solve our environmental problems.”** State whether you agree or disagree with this statement. Justify your position. [Your answer should include examples and evidence from a local or global context to support your argument. You should also refer to the views of two or more named theorists you have studied]

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6. **“Development in harmony with nature requires a move away from big industries and urbanisation and towards small scale, self-reliant communities using renewable resources.”** State whether you agree or disagree with this statement. Justify your position. [Your answer should include examples and evidence from a local or global context to support your argument. You should also refer to the views of two or more named theorists you have studied]

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