

Family Essay Assignment

You can choose to write a 500 word essay on any of the topics below, or write an opinion piece on a topic of your choice (be sure it's something you find interesting) related to the lecture's required reading.

- 1) What is the evidence for and against the “quantity-quality” trade-off?

- 2) Do you think that education investments in girls can only increase when parents perceive there to be higher returns to a girl’s education? (You may wish to review “Missing Women and the Price of Tea in China” Qian (2008) QJE, and “Economic Opportunities and Gender Differences in Human Capital: Experimental Evidence for India” Jensen (2010) Working Paper.)

- 3) Explain the unexpected findings in the Duflo, Dupas, Kremer and Sinei (2006) (http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=935173), and then discuss what recommendations you would make to reduce HIV infection rates in African countries.

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