

What Malthus Left Out

- · Malthus left out two factors
 - Capital
 - Technological change
- Do these make a difference? Yes



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Just How Wrong Was Malthus?

Real Per Capita Income in 1998 Dollars		
Year	US	UK
1776	\$1,450	\$1,350
1860	\$2,550	\$3,000
1900	\$5,450	\$5,300
1950	\$12,500	\$8,150
1998	\$31,500	\$22,000

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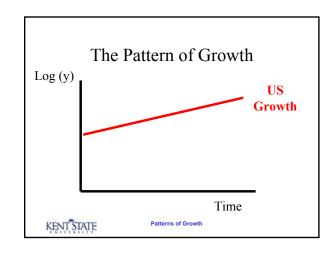
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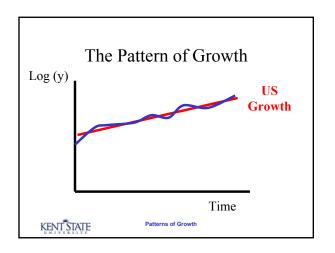
The Magic of Compounding

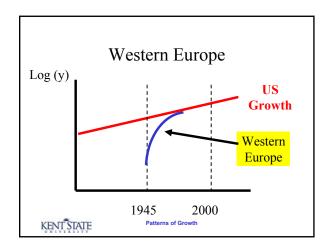
- At that rate incomes double every 40 years.
- Thus people today are making twice as much, adjusted for inflation, as they were 40 years ago.
- And 40 years hence, people will make twice as much as people do now.

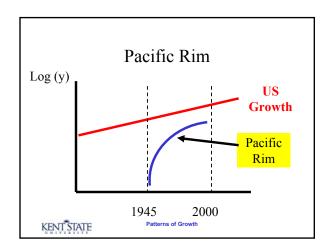
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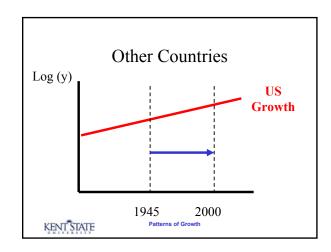
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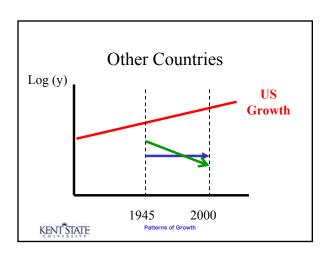














A Summary

- Highly Developed Countries
- Countries Catching Up
 - South Korea
 - Taiwan
 - Mexico

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- Countries Stagnating or Falling Further Behind
 - Sub Saharan Africa
 - Bangladesh

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- Highly Developed Countries
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- The Old Soviet Bloc

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Our Task

• Show how the factors Malthus left out explains these growth patterns.

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