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 **Essay Topic:**

***If I Could Invent Something New***

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**If I Could Invent Something New:**

I would invent technologically advanced long-term granaries, storage towers or smart warehouses for food storage in the seven hundred and seventy four (774) local governments in Nigeria to store food that can last for about ten (10) years and maintain its high quality.

These technologically advanced food storage structures would be located in the most secure locations within each local government and store food which the region specializes in; this would then be distributed to communities, sold to the citizens at subsidized rates, and supplied to school feeding programs in times of food shortages, poverty and hardship.

The reason why people invent things is the need for those things or humanity’s need. In Nigeria currently, there is hunger, poverty and high prices, which makes many children malnourished, and affects their schooling, particularly in public schools. Some students have to stay at home, work on farms or hawk in the streets, which could make them to grow up without proper education, therefore cannot contribute to nation building, but may become criminals.

This invention will buy (surplus) food from local farmers, process and store the food, thus help our farmers whose products go to waste when there is no market, and will put money in their pockets to meet other needs such as health and education.

The invention of smart warehouses will also offer employment opportunities especially to the youth and women who would be trained to run the tech system. The communities will take ownership of the operations to ensure success when communities act for themselves. Local governments that do well will be recognized and rewarded thereby encouraging others to a healthy competition for food stability.

I have heard that Nigeria and India top the list as the poverty capital of the world; my State, Benue, is the Food Basket of the Nation, but I have also heard some people say that the food basket is running low due to adverse weather conditions, inadequate or untimely rainfall, or floods across several states in Nigeria, and insecurity that displaces farmers.

Furthermore, my grandmother tells me and my sibling’s tales of how they used to farm massive lands in peace, and store up the food for several seasons; but now things have changed so much that there is need for external intervention to ensure villages and the nation has good quality and affordable food for everyone. My grandmother’s stories, like tales by moonlight, are a testament to why I would choose to feed our future as children and our communities by ensuring food availability through technologically advanced long-term granaries, storage towers or smart warehouses for food security, if I could invent something new.

Thank you.