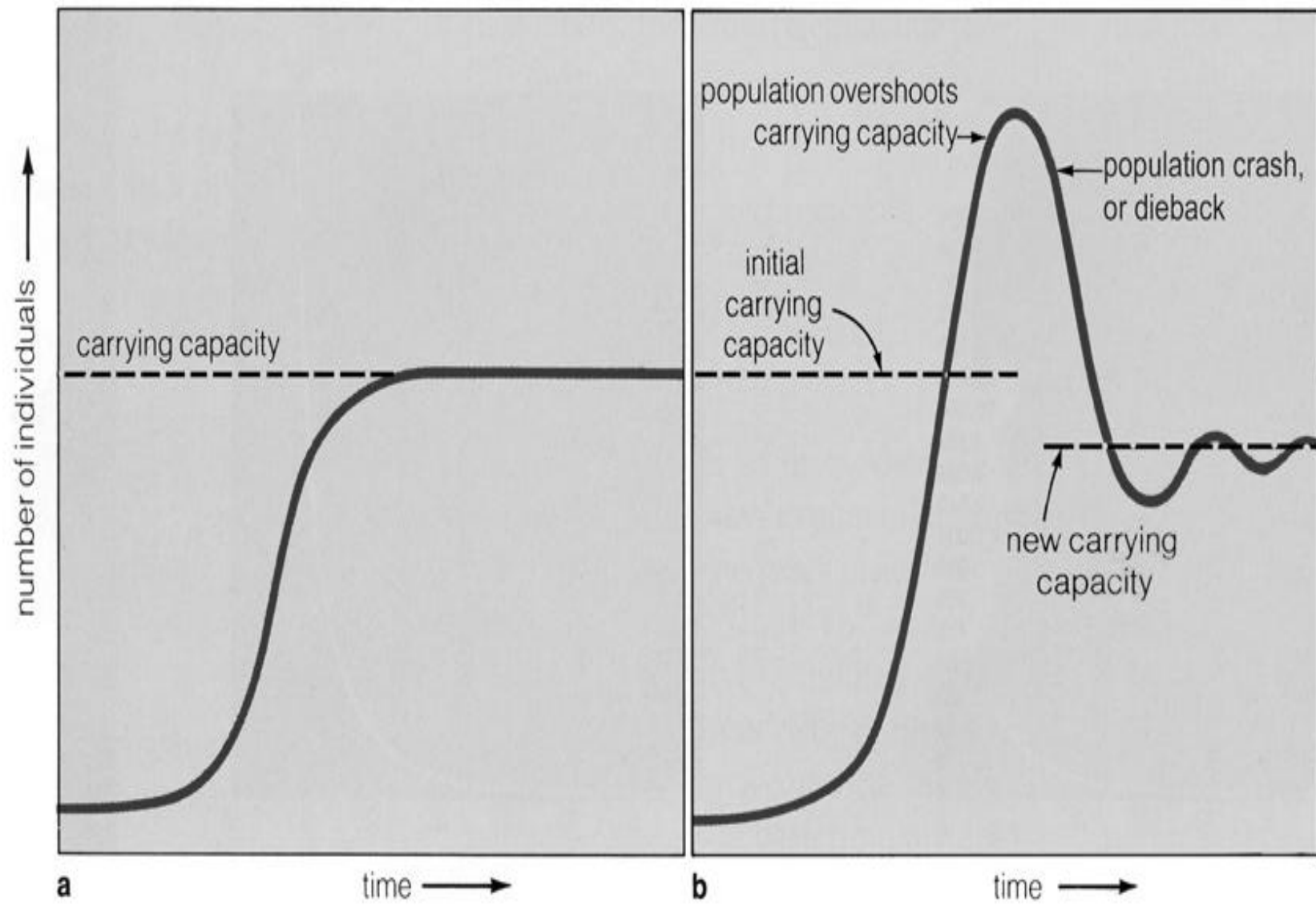


**HUMAN LIFE SPAN** has increased on average over time as economic conditions have improved. In ancient Rome (*brown*) the average lifetime was 22 years, in developed countries around 1900 (*blue*) it was 50, and now in the U.S. (*dark blue*) it stands at 75. Still, these curves share the same maximum. Even if we found cures for every plague (*red*), our bodies would probably wear out after roughly 115 years.



Time	Estimated World Population
by 8000 B.C.	5,000,000
A.D. 1650	500,000,000
1850	1,000,000,000
1930	2,000,000,000
1960	3,000,000,000
1975	4,000,000,000
1987	5,000,000,000
2050 (projected)	9,300,000,000+

