KING CORN

1. Why is our generation likely to die earlier than our parents?

2. Where does the carbon in your body originate from?

3. How does corn get in your hair?

4. What do the Ian and Curt want to find out?

5. Where did corn originate and how is today’s corn different from original corn?

6. What is the farm program for corn? How much money were Curt and Ian paid for their 1 acre of corn?

7. How many acres of corn do most farmers in Greene, Iowa grow?

8. What is industrial corn?

9. What is a corn elevator?

10. How much more corn could the farmers grow with ammonia fertilizer?

11. Think about nutrient cycles. Why do the farmers use ammonia fertilizers?

12. Why was the corn sweetener created?
13. How are most cattle raised in the U.S.?


15. What are the driving forces for having corn-fed cattle vs. free-range, grass-fed cattle?

16. What is the difference in the amount of saturated fat in corn-fed beef as opposed to grass-fed beef?

17. When did corn syrup and corn starch become popular in the U.S.?

18. What are some culinary benefits of corn starch?

19. What percent of the corn crops will be used for use in ethanol? What is ethanol used for?

20. Write 2-3 sentences that summarizes the connection between corn, the economy, and human health.