Food Inc. Questions

- 1. In the film, union organizer Eduardo Peña says, "We want to pay the cheapest price for our food. We don't understand that it comes at a price." Do you agree or disagree with him? What evidence do you see in the film that led you to agree or disagree? What evidence do you see in your life that informs your position as well?
- 2. Author Michael Pollan uses the phrase "Vote with Your Fork" to mean that consumers have the ability to influence companies by what they choose to eat. Is there a way as a group, school, or town that we could possibly influence this situation?
- 3. From Monsanto's perspective, it is expensive to develop new seeds like these, and the seeds save farmers time and enable them to produce more soybeans. What might be the consequences—both positive and negative—of the company owning the genetic information in the seed?
- 4. Why might we care whether Monsanto or another company owns the DNA in seeds?
- 5. With cheap food, it seems our society pays at both ends—at the production end with subsidy tax dollars, and at the consumption end with poorer health and lower productivity. Who benefits from cheap, fast food? Is it really cheap for everyone?