

King Corn Video Guide

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Task: As you watch the film, *King Corn*, answer the following questions.

1. What are Ian and Curtis worried about?	
2. Why is our generation likely to die earlier than our parents?	
3. Where does the carbon in your body originate from?	
4. How does corn get into your hair?	
5. Where did they go to plant their corn?	
6. How much corn do they want to plant on their own?	
7. What is the tall storage container for corn called?	
8. Where is the place that has all of the perfect conditions to grow corn?	
9. Before corn came to America, where did native corn originate?	
10. What are landraces and how do they relate to plant diversity?	
11. Why is it cheaper for Mexicans to import American corn instead of growing their own?	
12. Do you think life should be patented? Why or why not?	
13. How do large corporations in the food system effect small famers?	
14. What is the farm program?	
15. Why does the government pay farmers through the farm program?	
16. How much were Curt and Ian paid for their one acre of corn?	
17. How many acres of corn to most farmers in Greene, Iowa grow?	
18. Are the farms getting larger or smaller?	
19. What encourages the farms to get larger?	
20. What is the fertilizer that is used on the farms?	
21. What is industrial corn?	
22. How much more corn does the ammonia allow them to grow over regular farming?	
23. What is a corn elevator?	
24. When the corn elevator is full, where do they put the extra corn?	
25. What did tractors replace on the farm?	

26. Tractors made the farmers work easier and let them farm more land. This enabled farm kids to _____.	
27. A single farmer can farm _____ acres.	
28. What month did they fertilize?	
29. What month did they plant?	
30. How many kernels to an acre?	
31. How do they do the planting?	
32. How long did it take?	
33. How much food is made from one acre of corn?	
34. Is their corn able to be eaten off of the cob?	
35. Is the corn grown in Iowa able to be eaten?	
36. What will half of the crop be used for?	
38. What will the other half be used for?	
39. Why was the corn sweetener created?	
40. How are most cattle raised in the US?	
41. Is feeding corn to cattle healthy? Explain why or why not.	
42. What are the driving forces for having corn-fed cattle?	
43. What do cows prefer to eat instead of corn?	
44. What percent of all antibiotics in the US is fed to cattle to keep them from getting sick?	
45. What is the difference in the amount of saturated fat in corn-fed beef as opposed to grass-fed beef?	
46. When did corn syrup and corn starch become popular in the US?	
47. What are the culinary benefits of corn starch?	
48. What percent of the corn crops will be used for ethanol?	
49. What is ethanol used for?	
50. What is your overall opinion of the information that was presented in the film?	