

Omnivore's Dilemma. Practice Constructed Response Questions

Directions: Read carefully the pages indicated. When answering the question, be sure to support your answer (or claim) with three or four details from the text. (You may use more.)

A. p111-112. In many other cultures, especially in France, people do not eat “healthy” food, and yet they are healthier than most Americans. How does the author explain this **paradox** or apparent contradiction?

B. p113-114, 116. What does Pollan mean by the phrase “eating alone together”?

C. p113-114. Pollan mentions a “family dinner” without ever giving his definition of the term. Use evidence from the text to infer how Pollan would define a true “family dinner.”

D. p92, 124. Explain the connection between the chart on p. 92 and the graph on p. 124. What is Pollan suggesting by superimposing the graph onto the chart?

E. p37-39. One student made his claim: “High yield corn drove animals and people off the farm.” Explain what the student meant by this claim and find details from the text that would support this claim.

F. p42-43. Explain how the modern farm is like a factory.

G. p126. The difference between real food and fast food is reflected in the difference between feeling “satisfied” and feeling “full.” Explain what the differences are.

H. p169-170, 181-182. On p. 170, Joel Salatin compares himself to a choreographer. Explain this comparison by using details from 169-170 and 181-182.