

December 14 Day 63

Review Vocabulary A (10 definitions) before the quiz.

- quiz A
- go over CRQ #C
- any questions on ch 15?
- CRQ #E.

**Progress  
Reports - Fri?**

**HW:** read ch 16

**C** p113-114: How would Pollan define a "family dinner"?

Topic: **Pollan suggests that a true "family dinner" means ...**

food is not \_\_\_\_\_

**traditions**

quotes from text

C. Family dinner must mean something more than eating dinner with the family. Pollan suggests that a true family dinner means eating the same food as a family at the same time. A true family dinner does not view food as “fuel.” Family dinners view food as part of family traditions that are “handed down over generations.” Pollan asks us to prepare and enjoy family dinners together because “food is about family and friends and community.”

**E.** p37-39 One student made this 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.

**Topic sent:** This claim means that ... [paraphrase]

- new hybrid corn - greater yield
- "cheaper to feed corn ..."
- feedlots
- tractors plant, fertilize, harvest - no need for horses
- " ... just riding tractors ...." - no need for many people

**Conclusion:** ...corn took away need for animals & eventually people

E. "High yield corn drove animals and people off the farm." This claim means that new hybrid corn grew so well that farmers began to grow it instead of raising animals fed on grass. The pastures where farm animals used to graze were planted with this new successful corn. It became "cheaper to feed corn to cattle instead of raising them on hay or grass." The cattle were sent to feedlots to fatten on corn and the horses were no longer needed when farmers began using large tractors to plant, fertilize, and harvest the corn crop. Soon fewer people were needed to live on the farm to help with the different chores because now "[g]rowing corn is just riding tractors and spraying." This new high yield corn took away the need for many different farm animals and for many people to work the land.