# AP Human Geography

Unit V. Agriculture and Rural Land Use

D. Modern commercial agriculture – the 3rd Agricultural Revolution

Film: “Harvest of Fear” (PBS/Frontline)

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**Taking a Position:**

Consider the following questions and develop a clear argument based on documented evidence either for or against (as assigned) genetically modified agricultural products.

1. Summarize the arguments for or against (as assigned) genetically modified agricultural products.
2. What are the potential benefits or risks of genetically modified foods?
3. What are some plants or foods that have been allowed or banned? In which countries? Why?
4. How are genetically modified foods different than other products currently being sold? How are they the same?
5. Should genetically modified foods be allowed if they are labeled? Why? Why not?
6. Should some foods be allowed, but others banned? Why?
7. You have chosen to be for or against GM foods, but what arguments from the other side scare you a little bit or seem to make the most sense? In other words, what are the other side’s best points?

* Develop your position statement using evidence from the video, “Harvest of Fear,” the articles provided in the reading packet, and web sites provided in class.
* You must use a minimum of three documents, 1 website, and references to the video
* Each number above should be answered in a short paragraph. Each paragraph should have 1-2 pieces of evidence supporting your thoughts.
* Create a works cited to go along with internal citations used in your paragraphs.

general:

US Department of Agriculture Biotechnology Information Center

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/help/site_map.shtml>

[Scroll down to Research an Technology and select “Biotechnology”]

for:

Biotechnology Industry Organization

<http://www.bio.org/foodag/>

Alliance for Better Foods

<http://www.betterfoods.org/>

against:

Union of Concerned Scientists

<http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_environment/biotechnology/index.cfm>

Greenpeace

<http://www.greenpeaceusa.org/ge/>

In addition: you may use other websites not listed above