**King Corn Socratic Seminar Talking Ideas**

Use the movie and/or book to brainstorm examples to support each position. Be Specific! You may use the questions at the bottom of the page to guide you if you get stuck, but do not need to.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Pro-Commercialization | Anti-Commercialization |
|  |  |

**Questions:**

* What role does the family farm play in America’s perception of itself?
* How could the “family farm –to- industrial farm” trend be reversed?
* What pressures are driving commercialization of the family farm?
* What benefits do industrial farms give us? What drawbacks do they provide?
* What impact does farm consolidation have on America?
* Describe the impact of fertilizers and equipment.
* How do government subsidies impact the farming industry now and in the past?
* Think about cheap food… what are the benefits and drawbacks presented in the movie?
* Benefits and drawbacks of antibiotics?
* Health issues? Health benefits?
* How does this impact America as a whole?
* What are challengess to the farmer? To the American people?
* Is commercial farming sustainable? Why/why not?
* How is land use threatened or preserved?