**Reading Questions for “You Are What You Grow”**

Note: These are just to help guide your reading. You don’t have to write down the answers, though I might have you write about them in class (possibly in a quiz)

1. Your text discusses “kairos” at length in chapter four, especially as it relates to the context of the time and the place where King’s “I Have a Dream” speech was delivered. Pollan’s piece isn’t a speech, so the setting isn’t as important, but how does he work in references to his kairos (and where)? Hint: What is going on in the world that spurred his concern with farm legislation?
2. This essay is carfeully organized, though more subtly than the standard 5 paragraph essay tends to be. What are the key concerns he addresses and then repeats in the same order, though with slight variations, in two “recap” sections?
3. What are some values he appeals to and emotions he stirs up?
4. Be prepared to explain cause/effect links between the farm bill and the following: public health issues, food prices, child obesity, environmental health, immigration, and global poverty.

The article on Pollan’s online archive: <http://michaelpollan.com/articles-archive/you-are-what-you-grow/>

The course website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/people/julie.sparks/courses/1BFall2011/>