

Questions to stimulate reflection

Do you think we will ever achieve food security or was Malthus right?

Could diverting land to grow crops for fuel be justified in a world where there isn't enough food?

If there is enough food being grown to give every human being 2500 calories why are so many people starving?

How might a government respond to food riots caused by a staple food's being too expensive?

Will organic farming provide us with a solution to the global food crisis? If not why not?

Why have modern farming techniques been so disastrous for the environment?

Could conventional farming techniques be modified in such a way as to help alleviate or avert the food crisis consistently with reducing the carbon emissions that will otherwise contribute to climate change?

What are the main benefits of GM technology in dealing with a food crisis?

What are the main difficulties with relying on GM technology as a response to the world food crisis?

Why is the public perception of GM technology in the UK so poor? Could this poor perception be spreading to other parts of the world?

What role has been played by the media in the poor European perception of GM technology?

What might be done to rehabilitate GM technology in the eyes of the public? What role might scientists play in this?

Is it reasonable for a government to try to rehabilitate a technology in the eyes of the public, as opposed to merely responding to the will of the public?