**Due Wednesday 9/5: Homework #9: *Food Inc.* Film Questions**

**Answer each question below in complete sentences. Unless otherwise directed, your answer should make use of direct evidence from the film and answers should be at least a paragraph in length.**

1. What do you believe the purpose of the film is? For instance, is it meant to be persuasive or informative or...?

2. In a sentence or two state what you believe is the filmmakers' thesis. (Remember the work we've been doing on thesis statements and try to state the thesis as if you were the author.)

3. How do the filmmakers support their thesis? What sort of evidence do they present? Is the evidence believable and/or convincing?

4. A counter-argument is an argumentative device that authors and filmmakers use to give extra weight to their work. In a counter-argument, an author will anticipate the opposition's potential responses to his or her argument and rebut them. For example, if an author is arguing against fast food, he may choose to admit that fast food does taste good and is relatively cheap, but go on to argue that despite its good taste, fast food is neither healthy for the consumer nor does the price on the menu take into account the human, animal and environmental costs that go into its production. Using a counter-argument ensures an audience that the author is aware of the other side's points, and therefore makes an argument appear more balanced. Do the filmmakers of Food Inc. utilize any counter-arguments? If so, what are they and are they used in a way that furthers the filmmakers' argument?

5. What solutions to the problem, if any, are proposed by the filmmakers? Do they seem realistic and enforceable? Can you think of a better solution or set of solutions?