

## **Discussion Questions for Wendell Berry's "The Pleasures of Eating"**

1. Wendell Berry says, "eating is an agricultural act." What does he mean by this? How is this representative of his food ethic?
2. Berry is critical of the modern "industrial" eater's food ethic. How does the industrial eater's food ethic fail to recognize eating as an agricultural act?
3. What is Wendell Berry asking of us? What does he mean by "eat responsibly"?
4. How does someone who embraces these mindsets and behaviors fundamentally alter their relationship with the Earth (as contrasted with the typical industrial eater)?
5. Analyze the meaning of the William Carlos Williams poem. How does the poem represent a "food ethic"?
6. Why is this essay called "The Pleasures of Eating"?