

Sample Student Response

Pulitzer Center
article: [*This 'Super Banana' Was Designed To Save Lives. Will It Matter That It's Orange?*](#)

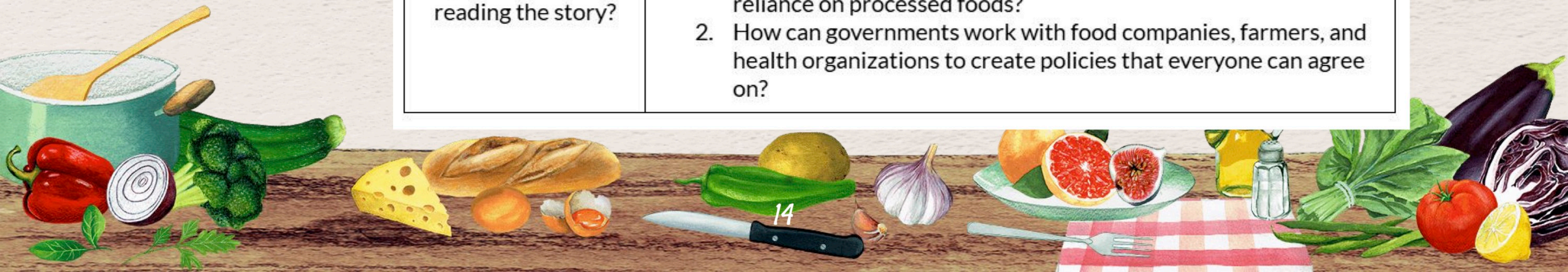
What were the challenges to a healthy and sustainable food system?	The challenges to a healthy and sustainable food system was distribution of vitamin A capsules, for example, worked well in urban areas but failed to reach those most in need in rural areas. Uganda's Parliament first passed biosafety legislation in 2017, then a revised version in 2021. But President Yoweri Museveni, who urged that the research take place, has yet to sign it.
Important statistics	The World Health Organization estimates that 190 million preschool children suffer from vitamin A deficiency today, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. In Africa alone, the "silent hunger" of rampant malnutrition is to blame for 6 percent of early childhood deaths, and in Uganda, one of the world's poorest countries, it remains high on the list of health risks.
Why is this issue important? Why should we care?	The "super banana" can help prevent vitamin A deficiency, which causes blindness and weakens immune systems, especially in children in poorer areas. This matters because it could save lives and improve health in places where people lack access to proper nutrition.



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Pulitzer Center article: [The Processed Food Fight](#)

Why is this issue important? Why should we care?	This issue is really important because processed foods are causing a global health crisis. They're making more people obese, diabetic, and prone to heart diseases, especially in poorer countries. The popularity of ultra processed foods is also messing up traditional diets and sustainable food systems, making it tougher to find healthy, locally sourced food.
How does this issue connect to food accessibility, food production, and/or negative impacts to the environment?	This issue is also tied to food accessibility because processed foods are usually cheaper and easier to find than fresh, healthy options, especially in low-income areas. Food production systems focus on growing high-yield, low-cost crops like corn and soy for processed foods. This kind of farming drains the soil of nutrients and reduces biodiversity. Plus, the environmental impacts are huge, including the heavy use of resources and greenhouse gas emissions from producing, packaging, and transporting processed foods.
What questions do you have after reading the story?	1. How can teaching people about the dangers of processed foods and the benefits of eating fresh, healthy foods help reduce reliance on processed foods? 2. How can governments work with food companies, farmers, and health organizations to create policies that everyone can agree on?



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Article: [How an American Meat Broker Is Fueling Amazon Deforestation](#)

Summarize the main issue addressed in the story	The main issue that is addressed in this article is the fact that PMI foods (American meat broker) is contributing to Amazon deforestation because they were importing big quantities of beef from Brazil. Most of it comes from cattles raised on illegally deforestation land.
What were the challenges to a healthy and sustainable food system?	Challenges to a healthy and sustainable food system included in this article is the environmental impact of meat production, deforestation due to the effect of the beef industry. This article in particular shows the conflict between providing enough food for the population and protecting the environment.
Important statistics	- PMI Foods shipped over \$1.7 billion in Brazilian beef to China in the last decade. - More than 2 thirds of deforestation land in the brazilian Amazon has been converted to cattle pastures - Chinese beef imports have surged sixfold over the last decade.

