***COWSPIRACY***

***STUDY QUESTIONS***

1. Read the statement about the “cowspiracy.”

*Animal agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation, water consumption and pollution, is responsible for more greenhouse gases than the transportation industry, and is a primary driver of rainforest destruction, species extinction, habitat loss, topsoil erosion, ocean “dead zones,” and virtually every other environmental ill. Yet it goes on, almost entirely unchallenged.*

Explain and summarize the statement and your feelings about it.

1. What are you thoughts on the film? Do you believe what it has to say? Why or why not? Is it an effective piece of propaganda? Why or why not?
2. What do globalization/globalism and the environment have to do with the film? Please explain using your reading from Thomas Friedman to make connections to your packet.
3. As the filmmaker Andersen approaches leaders in the environmental movement, he increasingly uncovers what appears to be an intentional refusal to discuss the issue of animal agriculture, while industry whistleblowers and watchdogs warn him of the risks to his freedom and even his life if he dares to persist. Why do they refuse to talk to him? Do you think he is brave and courageous or is he “crazy” for taking on “the world?” Could you do what he did? Why or why not?
4. Do you think people will change? Why or why not? Do you want to make a change? Why or why not? As a critical thinker, what can you do in your own life to make a change?