Why is the temperature, light intensity, and the balance of photosynthesis and cellular respiration important for farmers and their crops?



How is genetic engineering used in agriculture? How are these genes regulated?

How do we feed a growing global population and have the smallest environmental impact?

How can plant matter and biological processes like enzymes be used to generate alternative uses of energy?



GMO vs non-GMO.
Why would a scientist develop genetically modified food?

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## Tips and tricks to use this poster in the classroom:

- 1. Elicit student's prior knowledge using corn as a visual prompt.
- 2. Pose the individual questions (or your own questions) to your students. Have them brainstorm their ideas on how to answer these questions onto post its.
- 3. Have them walk up and place their post its beneath the question.
- 4. Facilitate conversation about their answers!





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