

Elder College: History of Food
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Week 1: Outline

Introduction: Course scope
What is food, anyway?
How do we know: history (and prehistory)

Who does the work, and how?
Hunters and gatherers; herders/pastoralists; agriculturalists

Food surplus: Population growth, inequality
Sedentism, cities
Storage and transport
Food as a commodity: exchange, trade

Technology: Agricultural tools and techniques
Industrialisation, mechanisation
Transport

Food and the state:
Taxation
Subsidies and tariffs
Famine relief
Quality and quantity regulation
Farming, research and education
Agricultural and food waste management

Food and big business:
Meat
Chemicals
Agribusiness

Counter Movements:
Cooperatives
Organic movement
Agroecology

Websites

Timeline

<http://www.essential-humanities.net/history-overview/stone-bronze-iron-ages/#overall-timeline>

Abolitionist poetry

<https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/abolitionist-poetry-book-for-children>

British agricultural revolution

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/empire_seapower/agricultural_revolution_01.shtml#one