

Fast Food Nation
A Syllabus for Academic Convocation
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Course Book: *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All American Meal* (Author: Eric Schlosser; Publisher: Perennial – an Imprint of HarperCollins Publishers; Publication date: 2002).

Time: Approximately two hours

Points for Discussion:

1. **The choice of setting: Colorado Springs**
2. **The objective of the book:**
 - a. Historical perspective of fast food industry
 - b. An exposé of the ills of fast food industry: Effects of fast food on: American economy, wages, human health (e.g., obesity), etc.
 - c. Offer possible solutions
3. **An Examination of author's success**
 - a. Has the author succeeded in addressing the above objectives?
 - b. Has the author presented a balanced view?
 - c. Has the author covered all possible solutions?
 - d. What other solutions can you think of?
 - e. Did you find any social and/or religious issues?
4. **What impact the book *Fast Food Nation* has had on you personally?**
5. **For further discussion** of the topics in the book, you may contact me via email (mkang1@LSU.edu).

P.S. Want fries to go with that?