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Read “The Chicken Story” up until page 6, third paragraph, beginning with “One fundamental split...” Try to understand the story and organize your group to study for the following questions:

1. The essay explains the availability of cheap chicken as coming from “free market system.” What is a free market system? How is it expressed in the essay’s story?
2. Chickens originated from India and Eastern Asia. The essay says they spread to Europe through wars. Tell us something about the wars.
3. The red jungle fowls, or chickens, live with humans easily because of what characteristics, and how were they used before they became food?
4. The breeding of chickens and genetic concerns about them arose with another kind of chicken imported from China into Britain. Why and how did this happen? Tell us about that story.
5. The first step toward turning family farm chickens into agribusiness chickens has to do with changing the breeding and feeding methods. Explain.