



TEXT #3

How the Potato Changed the World By Charles C. Mann

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TEXT NOTES

This article explores the history of the potato and its importance in the societal growth both in the United States and the rest of the world. It describes in depth the resilience of the potato in the face of disease and the impacts people worldwide have had on the potato continuing to adapt when threatened.

Sample Text-Dependent Questions (to drive initial close reading and discussion):

1. What physical characteristics improved the potato's market share?
2. What do the chemical alterations humans made to the potato to help it survive demonstrate about our relationship to the potato?