



Popcorn: A “Pop” History Article Questions

Read the article and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Identify the six toppings that can be added to popcorn to make it more flavorful. Circle your favorite toppings, place a “?” above any toppings you would consider trying and place an “x” over any you don’t think would taste very good.
2. Popcorn starts as a kernel...so how does it become white and fluffy? Explain in your own words. Also draw a before popping and after popping picture of popcorn and be sure to label it.
3. What is another word for corn?
4. When and where did popcorn first grow in the United States?
5. What region of the United States is known as the “corn belt”?
6. How was the popcorn name derived?

7. Describe how the earliest recipe for popcorn was prepared. Add a drawing to help illustrate this description.

8. Describe and draw the later invention called a popper.

9. Identify two advantages of preparing popcorn in a popper.

10. What famous variation of popcorn was made from popcorn, peanuts and molasses?

11. Explain what happened to popcorn sales during the Depression.

12. What popcorn trend started in movie theaters in 1938 and what were the effects?