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21W.730-4 Writing on Contemporary Issues: Food for Thought:
Writing and Reading about the Cultures of Food
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Homework #3

Due in class T 9/16

1) READ the selection from Ch. 1, “The Invention of Cooking,” from Felipe Fernández-Armesto’s *Near a Thousand Tables: a History of Food*. Fernandez-Armesto is a British historian who wrote this book based on “outtakes” from research he had done for several other books. [**E-reserve**]

2) WRITE:

- a) What is the thesis of this part of Fernandez-Armesto’s chapter? Write one ¶ to support your claim that this is the thesis, including references to the text. Note: The thesis may be a sentence quoted from the chapter, or it may be a sentence of your own that expresses Fernandez-Armesto’s main idea.
- b) What fact or comment surprised or interested you the most in this reading? Why? Jot it down in 1-2 sentences.

I will collect these and we’ll work with them in class.

FOR CLASS DISCUSSION: How would you describe F-A’s purpose and method in this chapter? What are some of the things he does to keep readers’ attention, i.e., some of his rhetorical strategies?