Ethanol
Boon or Boondoggle?
National Geographic posed this question in October 2007

Debate: The US should drop the tariff on Brazilian ethanol
(change to tariff for 08-09)
Ethanol Prep Work

- Answer National Geographic’s question
  - Biofuels: Boon or Boondoggle?
- For 08-09 change to
  - Debate: The US should drop the tariff on Brazilian Ethanol

- Step 1: Set up Groups of 4
  - 2 on “boon” side (08-09 change to Affirmative Position)
  - 2 on the “boondoggle” side (08-09 change to Negative Position)

- Step 2:
  - Read at least page 1 of the Feature Article
  - Compare at least American ethanol from corn and Brazilian ethanol from sugar
  - Use additional resources (optional)
  - (Option: give students hard copy and focus on p.44 & 47 - not as colorful or interactive)
  - 08-09 Students will also be required to read *Lean, green and not mean*, *The Economist*, June 28, 2008
Ethanol Mini Debate

• Step 3
  – Debate with your group of 4
  – Keep score of each point made
  – Alternate sides so there is equal opportunity to speak. A side can pass if not able to make a point.
  – Within your own side you must also alternate speaking.

- The side with most “points” wins!

• Step 4
  – Class Debrief