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Discussion questions adapted from National Agriculture in the Classroom Slicing Up Earth Land Resources lesson.

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(side view of this slice of our apple)

## Earth as an Apple Discussion Questions

## Name ANSWER KEY

- Why can't humans grow food on all land on Earth? Climate and soil type. Temperatures, precipitation, and seasons determine if growing crops is possible and if so, what kind of crops can be grown. Some land or soil cannot sustain agriculture use including extremely rocky areas, swamps, etc.
- How does urbanization impact agricultural land use? Urbanization transitions habitable land used for another purpose to residential, commercial, industrial, transportation uses. It decreases the amount of land available for agriculture.
- Can you think of any food that is not accounted for in this activity? Answers may vary. One answer is seafood. Most of our food comes from land (beef, pork, poultry, vegetables, fruits, etc.) but seafood (fish, shellfish, kelp, etc.) come from water like oceans, rivers, and lakes.
- What can we learn from this demonstration? Answers will vary. Answer could include that there is limited habitable land and even less habitable land and productive soil dedicated to agriculture and producing food. We need to use soil wisely and protect it.

