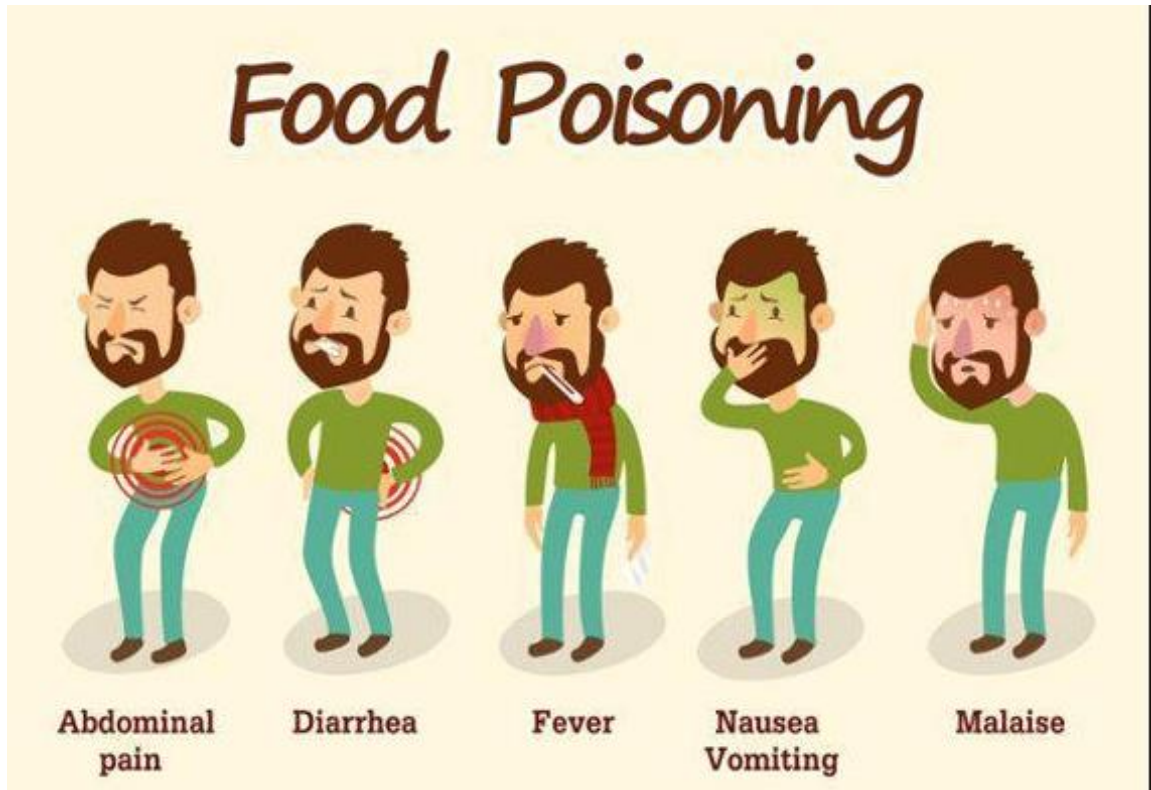


#### 4.4 Poop Theory of History



In November 2018 the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a warning that people should not eat romaine lettuce grown in California. The lettuce was identified as the source of potentially deadly *E. coli* bacterial infections. *E. coli* bacteria are spread when fecal matter from infected wild or domesticated animals enters irrigation water.

We don't usually think of "feces or "poop" as a major historical actor, but maybe we should. Select one of the topics below and write a 500-word report with illustrations examining the role of "poop" in human history. Your report can be broad or narrow in scope. Be sure to include citations. After all, "poop" happens!

- A. Development of Agriculture
- B. Discovery of Coffee
- C. Animal Poop as Fuel
- D. Poop, Disease, and Sanitation
- E. Animal Methane Emissions and Climate Change