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# The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

The characters:

The Once-ler: an entrepreneur

The Lorax: a leader of the natural world

1. What natural resource did the Once-Ler find? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the natural resource renewable or non-renewable? \_\_\_\_\_ **Explain.**

3. Humans often appreciate the beauty of the natural world. Did the Once-ler have feelings about the aesthetic beauty of the area and/or the natural resource that he found? What did he say as a result?

4. What was the Once-ler's product? What were the uses of this product?

5. What technology did the Once-ler invent to increase the production of thneeds? What was the environmental impact of each invention?

Technology:

a.

b.

c.

Environmental Impact

a.

b.

c.

6. How did the production of thneeds affect the **biotic resource**, the truffula trees?

7. How did the destruction of the truffula trees affect the **biodiversity** in the environment?

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8. Technological production can create byproducts which are unwanted and/or dangerous to the environment. What effect does it have on the non-living (or abiotic) environment as a result of production? Which by-products were produced as a result of the manufacture of the products? What was the effect of the "byproducts" on the environment?

9. What excuses did the Once-ler give for not preventing the environmental effects of producing the products?

10. Why did the Lorax leave? What did the Lorax leave behind?

11. Would you prefer to live in the Once-ler's factory town? Why or Why not?

12. Why did the Once-ler's business fail? What mistakes did he make?

13. What did it mean by "unless" on the pile of rocks?

14. Many human economic activities are planned for the short-term (from several years to about 20 years). Why is long-term planning (spanning several human generations) necessary?

15. How might the Lorax be thought of as a "keystone species"?

16. Why does the Lorax speak for the trees? Why is it important to speak up for others? Have you ever spoken up for someone else? Has someone else ever spoken up for you?