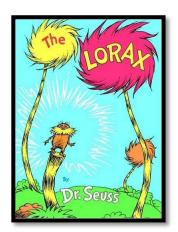
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The Lorax vs. The Truax





Part 1: Watch the original movie, <u>The Lorax</u>. As you watch the movie answer the following questions that are related to topics we have covered during class discussions.

1.	What characteristics of the Truffula Trees make them a good example of a renewable natural resource that could easily become a nonrenewable resource?
2.	Explain how affluence and population growth affected the natural capital of the environment. Has this or could this happen here in Englewood?
3.	The Once-ler said, "If I don't use them, then someone else would." Give an example of how this viewpoint applies to a real life situation.
4.	Explain how this is an example of tragedy of the commons.
5.	What was the tipping point for this ecosystem? Was there a time delay before the threshold level was reached that made the situation worse?
6.	The Thneed is a made up item. What do you think the Thneed represents?
7.	Who does the Once-ler represent in our society?

Part 2: Go to the following website: http://woodfloors.org/truax.pdf and read the children's story titled Truax. http://woodfloors.org/truax.pdf. http://woodfloors.org/truax.pdf. Truax. Truax. Truax. Truax. Truax. <a href="http://woodfloors.org/truax.p

Think About It: The key points of the two stories are listed below. Read each statement below, and highlight any sentences with which you agree.

<u>Truax</u> —Key Points		<u>The Lorax</u> —Key Points	
0	No one needs to speak out for the environment—people who do are overreacting. The environment is not in trouble. People are managing the environment responsibly.	0	Someone needs to speak out for the environment—people who do are concerned about it. The environment is in trouble, but you have the power to help it.
0	People who turn trees into products are replanting new trees and are concerned about the environment.	0	People who turn trees into products are deforesting the land and are not concerned about the environment.
0	Trees are a valuable human resource that everyone uses to make homes, furniture, paper, and other wood products.	0	Trees should not be cut down. People who profit from trees are greedy and out to make a profit at nature's expense.
0	Trees provide homes for animals—when trees are cut down, some animals leave, and some new animals come into an area.	0	Trees provide homes for animals—these animals are forced out of an area and/or die if we deforest their environment.
0	Once the trees are removed from an area, they can be easily replanted.	0	Once the trees are removed from an area, the ecosystem is permanently damaged.
0	Truax the logger is wise; Guardbark, protector of the trees, is uneducated.	0	Lorax, protector of the trees is wise; Once-ler, the businessman, is uneducated.

Discussion: So who's right? Lorax? Truax? A little of both? Neither? Discuss the differing viewpoints of the authors. Who				
companies published the two books? Is there bias in either story? Explain your thoughts/viewpoints in the space below. Use examples from this activity and class discussions.				