

The Lorax Worksheet

DIRECTIONS: Watch the short animated film, "The Lorax," and answer the following questions in DESCRIPTIVE PHRASES or SHORT SENTENCES based on the factual information and your interpretation. Most questions progress in sequence with the film; however, some questions are also cumulative based on information from several points in the film.

1. The Once-ler describes a "glorious place." Identify and briefly describe several living components of the "glorious place." (*there will be no deductions for misspelling*)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
2. What was the Lorax? What is his role?
3. Why is the *thneed* a marketable and profitable product?

4. Identify and briefly describe three pieces of technology developed by the Once-ler to upgrade his *thneed* industry.

a.

b.

c.

5. Most environmental problems result from a “domino effect” begun by a single action or activity. Select three of the following environmental issues below that you observed in the “glorious place” and relate them to the development of the *thneed*.

energy consumption

pollution

waste disposal/management

deforestation

human population explosion

endangered/threatened species

6. Read the Fact Sheet: *Lake Erie water quality: Past, present and future*. Why would the humming fish make reference to Lake Erie, a “real” place in an otherwise fictitious world?

7. What is an *unless*?