

ACTIVITY...

- 1) On looseleaf, list any current environmental issues you are aware of.
- 2) Classify the issue as either: LOCAL / REGIONAL / GLOBAL
- 3) With a partner, circle any issues that are common

Local [New Brunswick]	Regional [Canada]	Global [World]

DISCUSSION...

- ISSUES... 'Who, what, why, where and how'
- INTEREST??? Possible research project in line with theme of fisheries???

Environmental Issues

The Lorax



30 minutes



While watching the video...

- 1) make a list of environmental issues presented in the video.
- 2) decide what point of view best suits the Lorax? the Onceler?

Important issues found in **The Lorax**:

- urbanization
- habitat destruction
- environmental refugees
- deforestation
- pollution (air, water)
- ecosystem services
- sustainable yield
- conservation
- biodiversity impacts of urbanization
- externalities
- environmental degradation
- stewardship
- environmental/ecological restoration
- tragedy of the commons

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urban - relating to or concerned with a city or densely populated area

<u>urbanization</u> - process in which an increasing proportion of an entire population lives in cities or suburbs of cities

<u>habitat</u> - where a species lives, grows and reproduces



habitat destruction - caused by urban sprawl, forest destruction, agricultural practices, alternative medicine industry

environmental refugees - people forced to leave their homes because of environmental factors such as drought, flooding and the rise of sea-levels



Environment-related migration has been most notable in sub-Saharan Africa, but also affects millions of people in Asia and India. Europe and the US face increased pressure from people driven from North Africa and Latin America by deteriorating soil and water conditions.

ecological restoration - the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed

ecosystem services -

- provide us with clean water and air
- protect us from extreme weather and ultraviolet light
- control pests and disease-carrying organisms
- pollinate our crops and disperse seeds

sustainable yield - the taking of a biological resource that does not exceed the capacity of the resource to reproduce and replace itself (only taking trees(etc.) so that there is enough to reproduce or replace itself)

biodiversity - the variety of living things in the natural world

ex) Brown Barbaloots, Swomee-Swans, and the Humming-Fish in the "The Lorax" animals

externality - something that, while it does not monetarily affect the producer of a good, does influence the standard of living of society as a whole

Pollution is a very common negative externality. A company that pollutes loses no money in doing so, but society must pay heavily to take care of the problem pollution caused.

environmental degradation - the deterioration of the environment through depletion of resources, such as air, water and soil.

stewardship - an attitude of active care and concern for natural lands
The loxax, speaks for the trees

10 Eco-points

- type in "Environmental Issues 2015" into your search engine
- Read one of the stories that is under "environmental Issues news"
- Write a summary and reaction to the artical



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