

# The Lorax

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**Directions:** Answer the questions in Part A during the story (or immediately after).  
Part B questions allow you to make choices of questions to answer after the story.

**Part A: To answer during the story:**

1. Name the argument given by the Lorax for why he “speaks for the trees”.
2. What direct effect does the cutting down of the truffala trees have on another species?
3. List two abiotic problems or changes that the Once-ler causes.
4. What was the Once-ler’s rationalization for doing what he was doing? Does he ever show regret for what he’s done?
5. List three populations whose survival was endangered by the Once-ler’s actions.
6. What was meant by the Lorax’s parting word, “Unless”?

**Part B: After the story, select two of these questions to answer:**

7. What do you think that the name “Once-ler” means?

8. Discuss the trade-off of benefits versus harm of the Once-ler’s actions in the story.

9. Explain the use of advertising of information that is used by industry versus that used by environmental groups, and the effectiveness of each.

10. *The Lorax* was written in 1971. Why was Lake Erie singled out as an example of a place whose water was as bad as in the pond in the story?

11. Explain one method that the Once-ler could have used in order to ensure the continuing existence of the truffala trees for use by animals and his company, without completely shutting down his business.