

STUDENT WORKSHEET: ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. What is the dilemma in **THE LORAX** and why did it occur?
2. Identify the natural resource the Once-ler used.
3. Name and describe the Once-ler's product.
4. The Once-ler used the land's natural resources to start a business, which made and sold a product. What was the product? How was it used by buyers?
5. Why was the Once-ler interested in producing Thneeds?
6. Who does the Once-ler represent?
7. Who does the Lorax represent?
8. Humans often appreciate the beauty of the natural world. Experiences such as finding seashells on a beach or seeing a rare bird often cause strong feelings. Did the Once-ler have feelings about the region and natural resources that he found? Explain.
9. Pollution not only affects plant and animal species, but it also affects human beings. Explain whether the Once-ler's factory and town was a safe and healthy place to be. Why or why not? How does the Once-ler react to the change?
10. Study how the Thneed factory changed over time. Describe the changes in the factory as the business grew.
11. What technology did the Once-ler invent to increase the production of Thneeds?
12. How did the Thneed industry affect the physical environment (water, air, soil etc.)?



13. How did the production of Thneeds affect the local plants and animals?
- a. Truffula trees
 - b. Bar-ba-loots
 - c. Humming fish
 - d. Swomee-swans
14. **Byproducts** are materials or chemicals remaining after the production of a product. For example, a byproduct of sawing wood is sawdust.
- a. Name two byproducts that resulted from manufacturing Thneeds.
 - b. Were the byproducts that resulted from the Thneed production harmful or helpful to the environment?
 - c. Were any animals affected by the byproducts of Thneed production? How were they affected?
15. Look at page one of the book and describe the environment that exists many years after Thneed production has ended. Why hasn't the environment returned to the condition it was in before the Once-ler came?
16. Do you think the Once-ler learned anything from his experience with the manufacture of Thneeds? Discuss the lessons you think he learned and provide examples from the story.
17. The Once-ler discovered that in the creation of a product required the use of natural resources. What was the cost to the Once-ler after his decision to cut down the Truffula trees and set up a factory? What happened once the Truffula trees were all gone? How could this environmental disaster have been prevented?
18. Explain, in your own words, what the Once-ler says must happen for the Lorax and his animals to return.

