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The Lorax and Sustainable Development

1. Which environmental ethics do the Once-ler and the Lorax exemplify? Explain.
2. What do you think Thneeds could represent in real life?
3. The Lorax attempts to explain how long it takes one Truffula tree to regenerate. Why is the regeneration time of a resource important? Explain using key terminology from your notes on natural resources.
4. What kind of problems did the Thneed factory cause for the environment? Name at least 3.
5. Why was the Super Axe Hacker invented? What impact did it have?
6. What historical event do you think the Super Axe Hacker is representative of?

7. Did the Lorax speak for anything or anyone other than the trees?

8. The Brown-ba-loots, Swomee-Swans and Humming-Fish were affected by the harvesting of Truffula trees and the byproducts of making Thneeds. Explain how each of these animals was affected.

9. Who or what do you think the Once-ler represents? Why do you think you never get to see the Once-ler's face?

10. Why do you think the Once-ler does not listen to the pleas of the Lorax?

11. What could the Once-ler have done to prevent the outcome seen at the end of the Lorax?

12. What is the overall message of the story?