

*The Lorax* tells the story of a once thriving imaginary ecosystem in which Truffula Trees, Brown Bar-ba-loots, Humming-Fish, and Swanee-Swans all lived harmoniously. That is until the Once-ler came to the area and began to reap the benefits of the environmental resources. As you watch this movie, you should consider the following questions:

1. Do you think it is possible to use so much of a resource that no more will be available?
2. Can use or overuse of another species cause that species to become extinct?
3. Is it possible to use resources wisely in a way that there will always be some left for the future?

Your assignment will be to write a 3 paragraph essay formatted as follows:

Paragraph 1:

- Describe the ecosystem within *The Lorax* using the terms: **species, population, community, ecosystem, producer, consumer, keystone species, biotic factor, abiotic factor**

Paragraph 2:

- Describe the changes that took place within the ecosystem when the Once-ler began using the resources within the ecosystem using the terms: **industrial growth, resources, sustainability, pollution, and human impact**

Paragraph 3:

- Discuss what you think about the motivation of both the Once-ler and The Lorax and defend your ideas with evidence!!!

Your essay will be graded based on the following criteria:

1. Your essay is 3 paragraphs, typed, double spaced, uses proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling is correct  
**5 points**
2. Your essay accurately describes the ecosystem portrayed in *The Lorax*, accurately describes the changes that took place, and includes **ALL** terms mentioned above  
**15 points**
3. You provide in your essay reasonable motivations for the actions of the Once-ler and The Lorax, and use evidence to justify your thoughts and ideas  
**10 points**

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The Lorax	
The Once-ler	
Truffula Trees	
Brown Bar-ba-loots	
Swanee-Swans	
Humming Fish	
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