DR. Seuss...The Lorax



VS



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?

Let's discuss YOUR list!

COMPARE YOUR LIST TO MINE... Important issues found in <u>The Lorax:</u>

- urbanization
- habitat destruction
- environmental refugees
- deforestation- clear cutting
- industrialization smog and health implications
- pollution air and water
- environmental/ecological restoration
- ecosystem services forest soil prevents erosion
- food chain association
- tragedy of the commons "if I don't do it someone else will"
- sustainable yield
- conservation/multiple uses
- biodiversity impacts of urbanization
- externalities
- environmental degradation littering
- stewardship

KEY TERMS...

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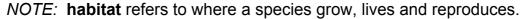
 urbanization - process in which an increasing proportion of an entire population lives in cities or suburbs of cities, areas of population dense enough that residents cannot grow their own food.

NOTE: urban refers to a city and/or densely populated area





• habitat destruction - caused by urban sprawl, forest destruction and agricultural practices.







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





 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
 - pollinate our crops and disperse seeds
 - protect us from extreme weather and ultraviolet light
 - control pests and disease-carrying organisms
- **sustainable yield** the taking of a biological resource that does not exceed the capacity of the resource to reproduce and replace itself.
- **biodiversity** the variety of living things in the natural world.
- **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.

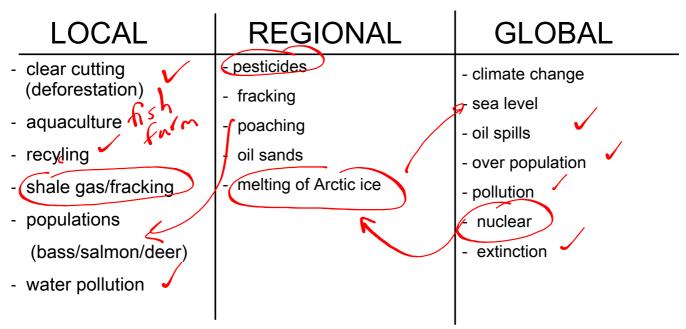
Pollution is a very common negative externality. A company that pollutes loses no money in doing so, but society must pay heavily to take care of the problem pollution caused.

- **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.

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 Global Regional Local [World] [New Brunswick] [Canada] energy crisis - deforestation - global warming urbanization - recycling? - ozone depletion - habitat destruction - deforestation - pollution (mill) - endangered species - water pollution - droughts - endangered species (bees) climate change - overfishing oil transportation



DISCUSSION...

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

Some **current** environmental issues...

Energy East Pipeline

Fish Farming...open vs closed contained

Oil Transportation on Railways

Shale gas in NB

Striped Bass and Atlantic Salmon

What's the Fuss About Fracking? (Reading)



ARTICLE: 'What is the fuss about fracking?'

- 1) READ... Article What is the Fuss About Fracking.pdf
- 2) Complete... Worksheet Weigh the pros and cons on fracking.pdf
- 3) Discussion... HOMEWORK Crossword on Fracking.pdf

JUST TALK ABOUT IT

Consider the following quote:

"We want to know and track the changes that we see, because at this point we have anecdotal evidence from our land users, and our elders and our trappers. But government and science don't listen to us because we don't have the rigorous methods that they require to make a decision." - Lana Lowe, Fort Nelson band lands director, on the band's concerns over the quantity of water withdrawn from local rivers and lakes for fracking and its demand that the government take more precautions before awarding water licences to companies for natural gas fracking.

- a) What is your understanding of the term 'anecdotal'? Of the term 'rigorous'?
- b) Summarize the meaning of this quote using your own words.
- c) Respond to this quote. For what reasons do you sympathize with the speaker's predicament? For what reasons are you not sympathetic? Explain.
- d) As you see it, what information should the government consider when making decisions about whether or not to grant water licenses for fracking?

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 ${\bf Crossword \hbox{-} What \hbox{ is the Fuss About Fracking.pdf}}$

Worksheet - Weigh the pros and cons on fracking.pdf