

The Lorax Analysis Paper

The Lorax is an allegory that leads us to a “hypothetical” situation that the reader must consider. The Lorax left the word “UNLESS” inscribed on the pile of rocks. His “UNLESS” comment roughly translates into our “If..., then...” format for the scientific process – Unless you do ..., then ... will happen. The purpose of this paper is to evaluate whether the Lorax was correct with his “UNLESS” statement.

Your assignment is to write three paragraphs which explore certain aspects of the story and then write a fourth paragraph which synthesizes the ideas to support or reject the Lorax’s claim.

Paragraph 1: Critical events described in the story.*

Identify a minimum of three critical events in the story. The events can be decisions made by characters, specific actions, and / or the consequences from decisions and actions. Include an explanation why the event was critical to the story.

Paragraph 2: The THNEED - you **think** you **need**

Text References:		Pages
Life Science	(Green)	770 – 786
Physical Science	(Blue)	254 – 276
Earth Science	(Orange)	578 – 584, 600 – 615

Use the textbooks to develop an overview of the relationship between the environment and natural resources. Compare our use and need of natural resources to the use of Truffula trees to produce the Thneed. Compare the impact on the environment described in The Lorax that resulted from the development of a natural resource (Truffula trees) with at least one **specific** example of the use of a natural resource described by the texts. Clearly explain how production of the Thneed impacted the habitat and well-being of specific organisms. Include in your discussion whether the Truffula tree is an example of a renewable or non-renewable resource with an explanation of why you chose renewable or non-renewable.

Paragraph 3: Foldable comparison

Text Reference:		
Life Science	(Green)	712 - 729

Choose one of the ecosystems described in one of your best foldables. Compare the ecosystem with the ecosystem described in The Lorax. Identify similarities in biotic factors (living organisms within the system) and abiotic factors (non-living parts of the system – i.e., air, water, soil, etc.). For example; compare the role the Brown Barb – ba-loots serve in the Truffula forest with an organism that has a similar role in the ecosystem described in your foldable.

Paragraph 4: UNLESS

This paragraph must address the Lorax’s “UNLESS” comment to determine whether it is reasonable (accept) or unreasonable (reject). You must use information from the previous paragraphs to explain why you accept or reject his claim.

*critical

Synonym 1: **crucial** – extremely important because of being or happening at a time of special difficulty, trouble, or danger, when matters could quickly get either worse or better
The decision was a critical one for the country.

Synonym 2: **essential** - absolutely necessary for the success of something
Their support is critical to our campaign.