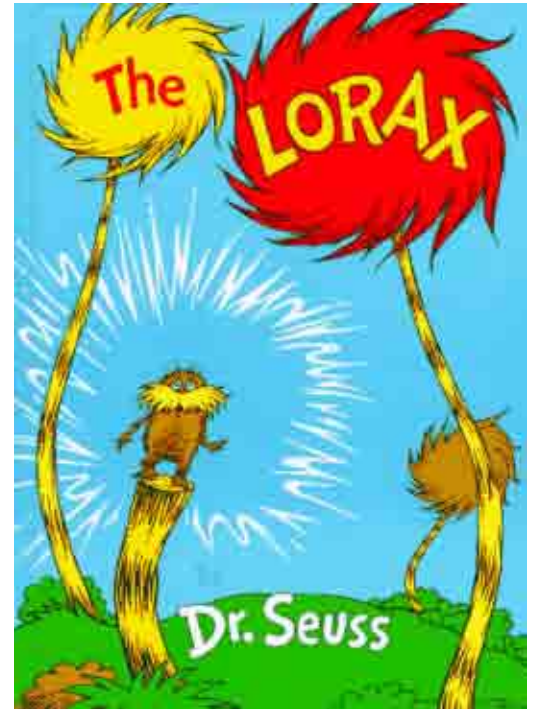


THE LORAX ACTIVITIES

Answer these questions in your Inquiry books

1. What was the land like before the Once-ler came?
2. Did the Once-ler like the trees? Why did he chop down the first truffula tree?
3. What did the Lorax mean when he said "I speak for the trees?"
4. Why did the Once-ler keep "biggering and biggering" his factory?
5. What happened to each animal as he did it?
 - a. Bar-ba-loots
 - b. Swomee Swans
 - c. Humming Fish
6. What do you think he could have done differently while still 'biggering' his business?
7. Can you cut down trees but still keep enough in the forest for the animals?
8. How do trees help the earth: plants, animals, air quality, heat, noise, etc?
9. What could the Once-ler have done differently to help each animal stay there?
10. Do you think the Once-ler feels good about his decisions? Why or why not?
11. What does the Once-ler say you can do with the truffula seed?
12. Could he have done this while the factory was still making Thneeds?



Now choose at least 3 of these activities to complete:

- Write a paragraph saying which main character you liked the best and why ...The Onceler or The Lorax.
- Why do you think the book was written? Was the purpose to entertain, to inform, or to persuade? Write a "Letter to the Editor" stating your opinion about the author's purpose in writing The Lorax. Do you think his intentions were to entertain or to persuade? Cite specific reasons and examples from the book to back up your stance.
- Create an advertisement persuading someone to buy a Thneed.
- Write a front page news article that informs the reader about an event from The Lorax.
- Write The Lorax part II which lets the reader know what happened to the last of the Truffala Tree seeds
- Dr. Seuss loved to make up his own words. Can you write definitions for the following words from the story? Moof, gruvvulous, slupps, snergelly, rippulous, snargled, cruffulous, smogulous, biggering
- Throughout this story Dr. Seuss only lets us see parts of the Once-ler (his eyes and hands). What do you imagine the rest of the Once-ler to look like? Brainstorm some ideas, and then draw a picture of the Once-ler.
- Create two large A3 murals with a partner -one that shows a beautiful clean environment, and one that shows a dirty environment.









