

Student Sample for Using Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* to Explore Environmental Issues

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Mr. Onceler
Truffula Removal Company
888 Chopping Lane
Tuffula, USA 85000

Dear Mr. Onceler:

It has come to my attention that you are the one who destroyed the environment of the town where the gripple grass once grew. We would like to address the situation in a professional manner by stating all of the resources you affected.

Mr. Onceler, the thing that started this was the chopping down of a beautiful truffula tree and knitting it into a thneed. One tree led to another, and the object of money came into the project. This soon hurt other resources. The poor barbaloots love the truffula fruits, and the Lorax had one thing to say, "Look at this, my son, look what you have done. Now I must send the barbaloots away!" And those poor swamee swans. They can't sing with smog in their throats. The air is not clean, so the swamee swans left. The humming fish can't swim in dirty water. Look at what you did! They all had to leave. They all had to leave from your thneed-making greed.

Only one person in the world can fix it. That person is you. Couldn't you have planted a new tree every time you killed one? Or filtered your smoggy smokestacks? Mr. Onceler, you should have thought of the consequences. You might have barreled your waste and buried it after it was surely sealed. Remember—money is temporary happiness, but a clean conscience is eternal happiness.

Respectfully,

Sally Student
CEO
Truffula Tree Revival Company