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# ECOSYSTEMS OF THE WORLD

## Woodland Forest Ecosystems

### You Are There

This book discusses how humans depend on forests. Imagine you are living in a town that depends on a sawmill for jobs. Environmentalists are trying to shut down the mill. They say clear-cutting is hurting the ecosystem. Both of your parents have worked for the mill for many years. How do you feel? In what ways do you and the people trying to shut down the mill see the forest differently? How do you think the two sides could agree on a solution?



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### Surprise Me

Chapter Five discusses the impact people have had on forests. People have impacted forests in surprising ways. After reading this book, what two or three impacts did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact.



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### Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about woodland forest ecosystems? Do you want to learn more about the plants and animals and how they interact with each other? Write down one or two questions to guide your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about this subject that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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### Another View

This book has a great deal of information about woodland forests and why they are important. As you know, every source is different. Ask an adult, such as a librarian, to help you find another source about woodland forests. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and different?



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