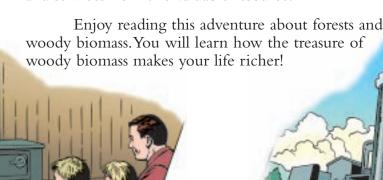
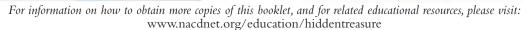


Forests also give us a place to enjoy nature. They are a place where we can hike, ride, and camp. They offer us a quiet haven in our busy lives.

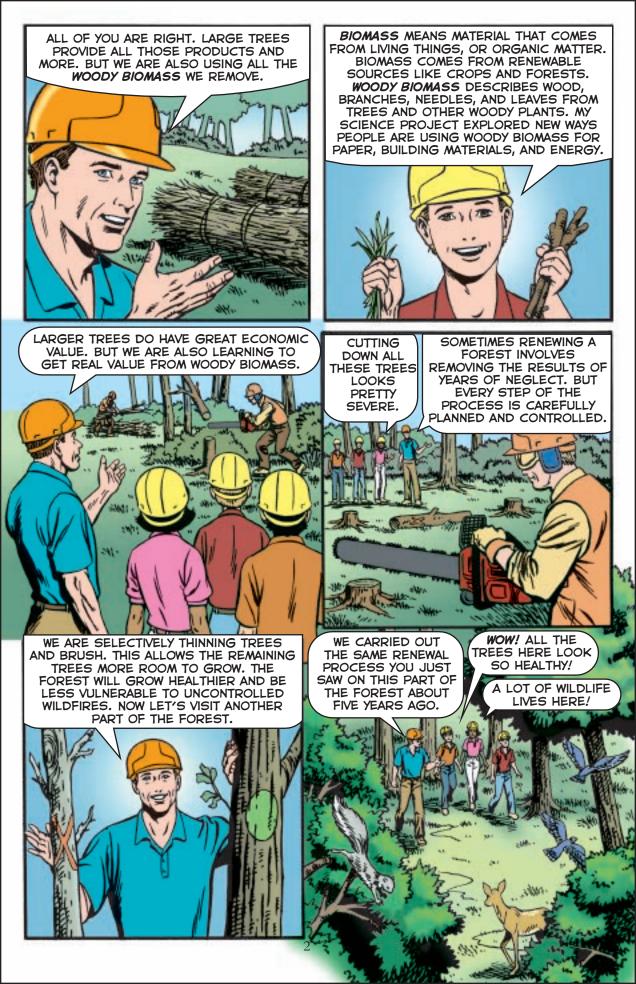
As we learn more about caring for forests, we keep finding new treasures. When we restore neglected or overgrown forests, we remove dead or unhealthy trees and other plants. We call this wood, branches, needles, leaves, and other material **woody biomass**.

Woody biomass can be used for building material, plastics, and paper. It can provide heat and produce electrical energy. Woody biomass can even give us liquid fuel to power engines. We keep finding new products and services from this valuable resource.









CAREFUL FOREST MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING SELECTIVE THINNING, HELPS KEEP FORESTS HEALTHY. MUCH OF THIS MIMICS NATURE'S OWN SELECTION PROCESSES. THIS INCREASES THE GREAT BENEFITS WE RECEIVE FROM FORESTS. CAN YOU NAME SOME WAYS THAT FORESTS HELP US?

FORESTS HELP CLEAN AIR AND ADD OXYGEN TO THE ATMOSPHERE. THEY HOLD *SOIL* AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SOIL RESOURCES

PLANTS AND SOIL IN FORESTS COLLECT AND STORE RAIN WATER. WATER THAT PASSES THROUGH LAYERS OF SOIL IN FORESTS IS CLEANED BY THE PROCESS OF PERCOLATION.

FORESTS PROVIDE *HABITAT* FOR WILDLIFE. HABITAT IS THE AREA THAT PROVIDES FOOD, WATER, SHELTER, AND SPACE FOR ANIMALS TO LIVE.



Alter.

SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE CUTTING ANY TREES

FORESTS NEED CARE TO STAY HEALTHY. THAT SOMETIMES INCLUDES SELECTIVELY REMOVING TREES AND BRUSH. TODAY'S FORESTERS ARE TRAINED TO MANAGE FORESTS TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY, WHILE PROVIDING THE IMPORTANT FOREST PRODUCTS WE ALL NEED.



WE'VE FOUND THAT NOT ONLY CAN WE USE **FOREST** RESOURCES SO THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THEIR RICHES, **BUT ALSO THAT** FORESTS NEED THAT CARE TO STAY HEALTHY!

WE ALL USE **PRODUCTS** THAT COME FROM FORESTS. AND WE ALL BENEFIT FROM HOW **FORESTS** IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

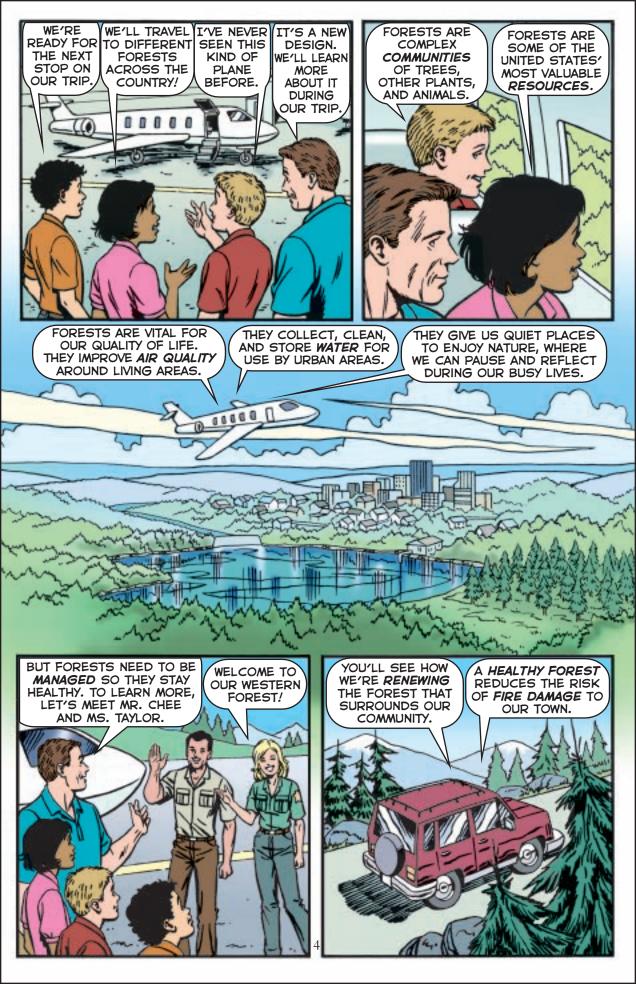
WE NEED TO KEEP **FORESTS** HEALTHY SO WE CAN **ENJOY** THOSE BENEFITS IN THE FUTURE.



TREASURE? WHAT IS THAT WHY DON'T YOU WHAT **GOLDEN BOX** LOOK INSIDE? TREASURE? DOING HERE?

ALRIGHT! I LOVE A MYSTERY! MAYBE WE'LL FIND OUT MORE LATER IN OUR TRIP.

If a treasure You seek to find, Look within the Circle of pines.





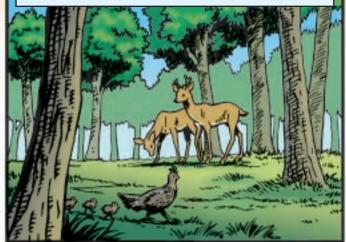
WHEN FIRES START IN A DENSE AND OVERGROWN FOREST LIKE THIS, FUEL LADDERS LET FIRE CLIMB INTO THE TOPS OF TREES. THESE INTENSE WILDFIRES CAN RAGE OUT OF CONTROL, DESTROYING FORESTS AND THREATENING PEOPLE AND HOMES.



MY SCIENCE PROJECT STUDIED FOREST COMMUNITIES AND HOW TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY.



I LEARNED THAT FOREST MANAGEMENT INCLUDING CAREFUL THINNING, NOT ONLY HELPS MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OF FOREST TREES, BUT IT ALSO IMPROVES THE HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE.



AS PART OF THE FOREST RENEWAL, WE'RE REMOVING BRUSH AND MANY SMALL OR DEAD TREES THAT CREATE A LADDER OF FUEL.



A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WOODY
BIOMASS IS LEFT ON THE FOREST FLOOR.
THERE, IT PROVIDES FOR THE RECYCLING
OF NUTRIENTS INTO THE SOIL TO SUPPORT
NEW GROWTH. IT ALSO PROVIDES HABITAT
FOR INSECTS, AMPHIBIANS, REPTILES, AND
OTHER KINDS OF WILDLIFE.

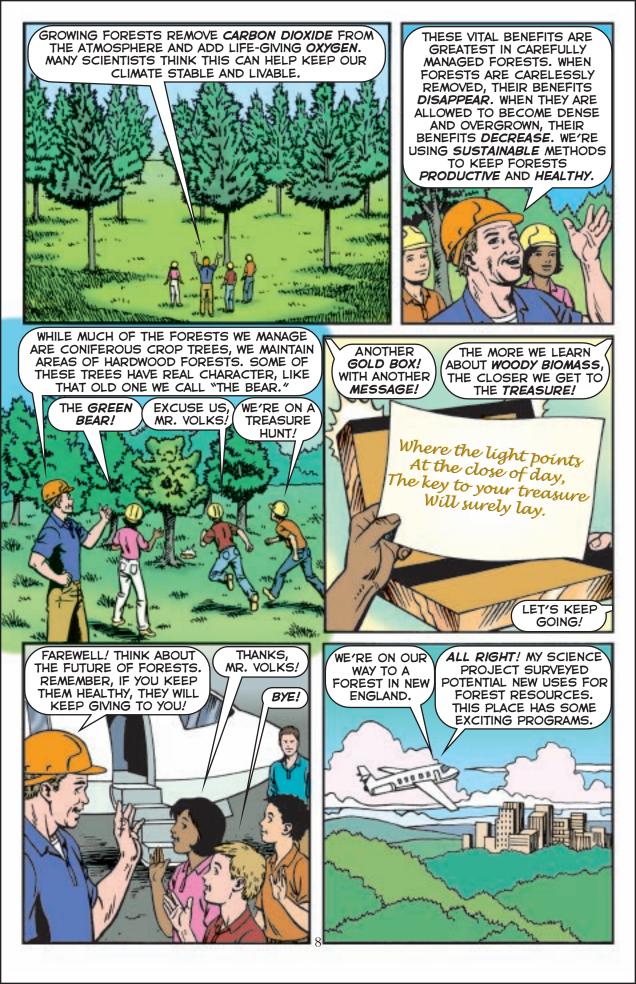


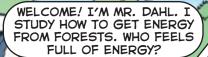












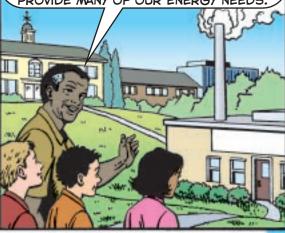
WE DO!

GREAT! DO YOU KNOW WHAT ENERGY IS?

ENERGY IS THE FORCE OR POTENTIAL FOR PRODUCING LIGHT, HEAT, POWER,



CORRECT! FORESTS ARE A RENEWABLE RESOURCE WE CAN RAISE RIGHT HERE AT HOME. WE'RE LEARNING NEW WAYS TO GET MORE FROM OUR FORESTS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE LEARNING HOW WOODY BIOMASS CAN PROVIDE MANY OF OUR ENERGY NEEDS.



THIS HOPPER AUTOMATICALLY FEEDS THE WOOD CHIPS INTO THE FURNACE. THE WOOD CHIPS PROVIDE STEADY AND REGULAR HEAT AT A LOWER COST THAN OTHER FUELS.



THAT'S RIGHT! WE USE ENERGY FOR ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES ELECTRICITY, HEATING, COOLING, TRANSPORTATION, AND PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND GOODS. SAFE ENERGY SUPPLIES ARE VITAL FOR OUR WAY OF LIFE. DO YOU KNOW WHY FORESTS CAN BE SO VALUABLE AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY?

THEY GROW THEY ARE TRULY RENEWABLE AND ABUNDANTLY RIGHT WITHIN OUR COUNTRY KEEP PROVIDING ENERGY.

THIS CENTRAL FURNACE PRODUCES STEAM HEAT FOR THE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THIS COMPLEX. WE FUEL IT WITH WOOD CHIPS MADE FROM WOODY BIOMASS. WE GET THIS FROM REDUCING FIRE DANGER IN OUR WORKING FORESTS.

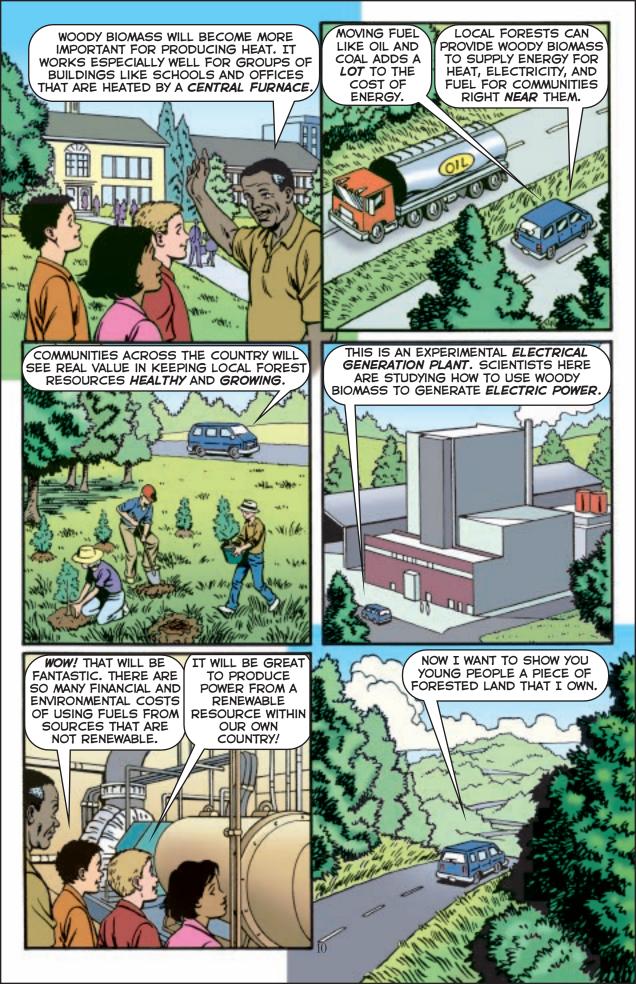


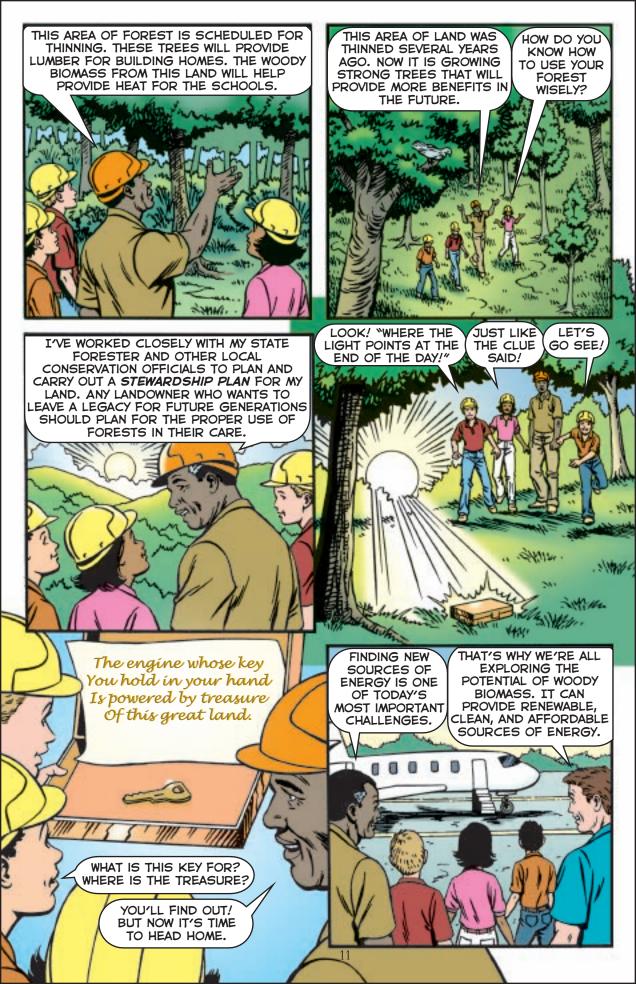
DOES BURNING THE WOOD EMIT A LOT OF SMOKE INTO THE AIR?

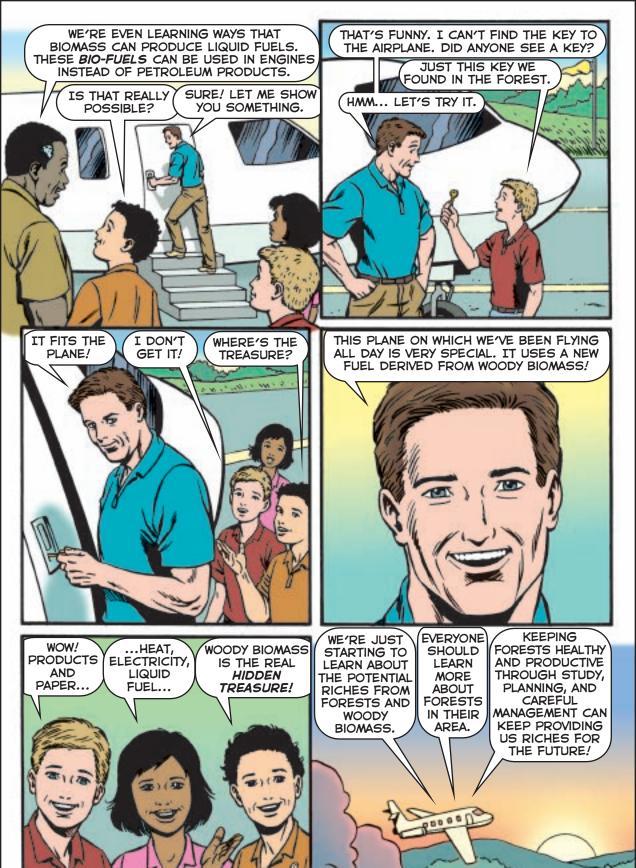
NEW FURNACES ARE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT THAN WOOD BURNING STOVES

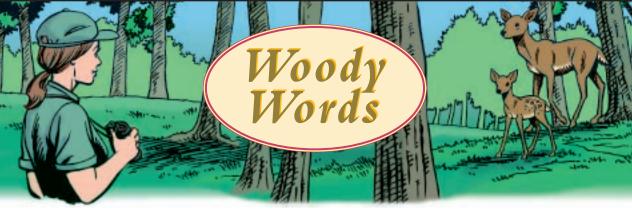
OR FIREPLACES. IF SCRUBBING DEVICES ARE USED THEN NEARLY ALL OF THE PARTICLES ARE REMOVED. WHAT YOU SEE IS STEAM.











Read each sentence that describes forest resources and the products and services we get from them. Draw a line from each sentence to the word or phrase it describes.

1. A community of living plants and animals dominated by large trees.

2. The term that describes resources like forests that can be used again and again.

3. Organic material we get from renewable resources like crops and forests.

4. Material from forests that includes wood, branches, leaves, needles, and other woody material.

5. A place that provides food, shelter, water, and space for an animal to live.

6. The process by which water is cleaned as it passes through layers of soil in forests.

7. Uncontrolled burning fed by dead wood and ladders of fuels in forests.

8. Wood from forests that is used for building products.

9. Thick liquid material made from wood that is pressed into paper.

10. Moldable material that can be made of compounds produced from woody biomass.

11. The power to produce work or heat that is stored in woody biomass.

12. Liquid material derived from plants that can power engines.

Plastic

Bio-fuel

Forest

Energy

Timber

Woody Biomass

Renewable

Pulp

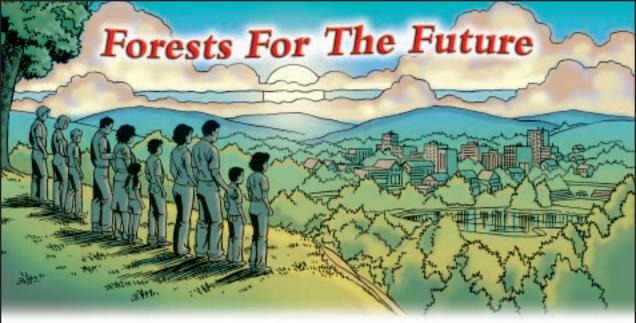
Wildfire

Habitat

Biomass

Percolation

NSWERS: 1. Forest 2. Renewable 3. Bionnass Woody Bionnass 5. Habitat 6. Percolation 7. Wildfire Timber 9. Pulp 10. Plastic 11. Energy 12. Bio-fuel



What do I see when I look from above On the forests I've studied and grown to love?

Habitat for animals to grow and live Is one of the riches that forests give.

The lumber and furniture forests share Help make homes for us and for those whom we care.

Paper from forests helps us share what we know. As our knowledge increases, the forests still grow.

Fuel for heat and for engines of power Comes from within the forests' great bowers.

Peaceful places where we can reflect, As the wonders of nature we learn to respect.

All of these treasures we'll surely share If for all our forests we wisely care.















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