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From Story to Society

Directions: Read the passage carefully and determine its **theme** (central message or idea). Think about a **real-world issue** that connects to this theme. Explain how the theme and the issue are related, and evaluate why the connection matters today. Use complete sentences and thoughtful explanations.

Passage (Adapted Literary Excerpt):

The villagers ignored the warnings of the elder, cutting down the forest trees for quick profit. At first, life seemed easier. New roads were built, and money flowed. But soon, floods washed away homes, animals disappeared, and the soil turned to dust. Only then did the people realize that taking without caring leads to ruin.

1. What is the central theme of this passage?

2. Identify a real-world issue that connects to this theme (for example: deforestation, climate change, overfishing, pollution, etc.).

3. Explain how the real-world issue demonstrates the same lesson as the theme.

4. Evaluate why this connection is important today.

Reflection: Write one action that people could take to respond to this issue.

