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From Story to Society Answer Key

1. **Theme:** Human greed and short-term thinking can destroy nature and harm future well-being.

(Other valid answers may include: respect for the environment, consequences of ignoring wisdom, sustainability.)

2. **Real-world issue example:** Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest.

3. **How it connects:** Just like in the passage, trees are cut down for immediate profit, leading to long-term harm such as soil loss, flooding, and extinction of species.

4. **Why it matters today:** The Amazon is vital for global oxygen and biodiversity; its destruction affects climate and communities worldwide.

Reflection - Sample Answer

Planting trees, enforcing laws against illegal logging, educating communities about sustainability, supporting eco-friendly products.

Teacher Guide/Notes

- **Skill Emphasis:** Students practice extending themes **beyond the text** to see relevance in current global issues.
- Encourage multiple valid connections (climate change, water scarcity, endangered species).
- Emphasize evaluation: students should not only connect but also **explain why the connection matters today**.
- Extension activity: Have students bring a recent news article on an environmental or social issue and connect its core problem to a theme in a story they've read.