

HUMAN IMPACT: INVASIVE SPECIES



Use this graphic organizer to learn about invasive species and how they impact our environment. Answer the questions below. Conduct research using textbooks or online resources to help you.

<p>What is an invasive species?</p>	<p>What are some ways that human activity can bring an invasive species into an area?</p>
<p>Invasive species are non-native plants or animals that cause harm to native organisms in an ecosystem.</p>	<p>When humans ship goods from one place to another, invasive species sometimes hitch a ride undetected. Humans can also introduce invasive species into an area when they release exotic pets into the wild or when they introduce a new organism to an area in an effort to control pests.</p>
<p>Give an example of an invasive species—plant or animal—found in your area, state, or country.</p>	<p>Where did this invasive species come from? How do scientists think it was able to get to a new area?</p>
<p>Student answers will vary but should provide an example of a non-native species that is causing harm to its new environment. Some examples of invasive species in the United States include the zebra mussel, purple loosestrife, and the lanternfly.</p>	<p>Responses will vary.</p>
<p>What are some of the problems that this invasive species is creating in its new environment?</p>	<p>Write two possible ways to reduce the harm done to the environment by this invasive species.</p>
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