

<p>In 1973, the Endangered Species Act restricted access to “old growth forests” resulting in uncertain timber supplies that lead to mill closures. What is an old growth forest?</p>	<p>In 1992, NAFTA opened the border to Canadian timber companies, greatly expanding the use of imported timber. Canadian timber producers enjoy a competitive advantage over domestic timber companies because they are not required to subscribe to the same environmental laws as there U.S. competitors. What rules do you think we have that the Canadians do not?</p>
<p>Price fluctuations in heating oil and other fuels dramatically influences wood consumption for fuel. Can you think of periods in our history when this has happened?</p>	<p>Competition from non-wood construction materials decreases the need for wood. What are these materials?</p>
<p>Increased recycling of paper and cardboard had decreased the amount of pulpwood needed to make paper (recovery rate up to 52% in 2005) Explain why this is a good or bad idea.</p>	<p>In 2008, reduction in housing starts in response to the worldwide recession. How did the housing crash affect our local economy?</p>