Life in the Forest with the Vermont Land Trust
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The following instructions represent additional resources for continued study of the topics covered in our “Life in the Forest with the Vermont Land Trust” online class. All materials are the property of Katherine Hancock who created them.

Reflection Page

Episode 1: Characteristics of the Forest

1. Think of one of the forests that you visited in the video: Scott’s Cove Forest, the Neighborhood Forest, or the Farm Field Forest. Draw one of these forests. If you’d rather imagine your own forest or model it off of a place at home, that is great too. Draw the forest in the space below. Be creative and color, add animals and any land features you can think of (example: birds in the Farm Field Forest near Lake Memphremagog).

2. Now label your forest as best as you can in the space above: canopy (or overstory), mid-story, understory, floor.

3. Which forest layer allows light to come in?
4. Which forest layer usually has the most diversity?

5. Which forest in the video had the most closed canopy?

6. What is the percentage of land in Vermont that was once farmed? (listen close!)

7. Explain ecological succession in one or two sentences here. Use your own words:

8. What is something you learned in this video?

9. What is something you have a question about from this video?

10. What do you want to learn next time?

Thanks for watching the video and completing the reflection page. I hope you had fun! For more information about Vermont Land Trust and for more cool resources and online events about Vermont’s natural landscape and environment, visit Vermont Land Trust online at vlt.org or on social media!