

Human Impacts on Ecosystems

For each impact, look up a definition and copy what you find. Then create your own definition and research into the impact using the links provided. After you have researched the impact, create a claim about human impacts on ecosystems using evidence. The first one is done for you as an example.

Impact	Definition Found Online	Your Own Definition	Links for Research	Claim With Evidence
Keystone Species	A keystone species is a species which has a disproportionately large effect on its natural environment relative to its abundance, a concept introduced in 1969 by the zoologist Robert T. Paine. (Source)	The super important species in an ecosystem that helps other species around it.	Info here Examples here Human influences here	Humans negatively impact ecosystems with keystone species when they hunt keystone species or cause habitats to go away.
Biodiversity				
Species Extinction				
Deforestation				
Captive Breeding Programs				
Wildlife Refuges				
Endangered Species				

CER about Human Impacts on Ecosystems

Claim: After researching impacts on the environment, I think humans have an overall _____ impact on ecosystems.

Evidence :



Reasoning:

Want to learn more about impacts on ecosystems? Read through Topic 3 Lesson 3 (starts on page 97)in your Ecosystems textbook!