

Acid Rain
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Pre-reading Discussion Questions:

1. Look at the picture before reading the article. What do you see? What is happening? How do you think the fish feels? Why?
2. Do you think the air and water in Charlottesville is clean? How does it compare to the air and water in your native country?
3. What causes the air and water to be clean or not?

Vocabulary:

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| Acid rain | reduction | stream | chronic |
| Deteriorate | pollution | stabilize | destroy |

Post-reading Comprehension and Discussion Questions:

1. The symbol of Virginia is:
 - a. A fish
 - b. A stream that has trout in it
 - c. Acid rain
2. Acid rain comes from:
 - a. coal-powered plants
 - b. brook trout streams
 - c. bicycles
3. Where does the acid rain in Virginia come from?

4. How many of Virginia's brook trout streams are chronically acid? What does 'chronically acid' mean? _____

5. What places does the writer say are being destroyed by acid rain? _____

6. What does the writer say we can do to help save our environment?

7. Do you have any other suggestions? _____

8. What is the main idea of this article? Why do you think the writer wrote it?

9. Find Virginia, Ohio, and the Tennessee Valley on a map. How/why is Virginia affected by what happens in Ohio and the Tennessee Valley? (Watch a weather report on TV and note typical weather patterns across the US)

Write your experience and opinion:

10. Do you have an experience with pollution? Do you think we should be concerned about acid rain? What do you do (or might try to do) to keep a clean and healthy environment? Do you think that the actions we take, personally, make a difference in the environment of our city, country, and world? Why or why not?