

**BIG IDEA:** Trees play an important role in maintaining a healthy environment.

Today I will identify why trees and forests are valued.

I know I have it when I am able to identify at least 8 reasons why trees and forests are important.

### Group Brainstorm:

- Take in CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) and give off O<sub>2</sub> (oxygen)
- Home for many animals
- Supply paper, wood, etc.- can be used for art
- Provide jobs
- Recreational purposes (e.g. hiking, biking, camping, etc.)
- Produce food
- Provides shelter
- Make a fire
- Beautifies the area
- Allows us breathe
- Provides more growth
- Protects us from the sun's heat, precipitation, powerful winds
- Acts as a sound barrier