

## LAND TRUSTEES

STUDENT NAME:

CLASS:

DATE:

Welcome, Land Trustees. Your admiration for Mother Nature makes you an unique group of hunters who **respect landowners and the environment**. Your group shares a vision that hunters should leave the land better than they found it and obey the caretaker’s wishes when on private property. By following these ethical standards, your group experiences an intimate connection to the Earth and your community. Your group prides itself on enhancing the well-being of humans and the Planet by preserving important ecosystems and building trust between landowners and hunters.

But after reading some personal blogs about hunting, your group is concerned that other hunters are unethically treating landowners and their land, which may cause public opinions about hunting to down-spiral! Your group has decided to put things right by educating hunters and the public about your group’s **code of ethics** so all people can discover the spirit of responsible hunting.

To understand your group’s ethics, research about the following topics that your group has identified as hunting concerns:

- You know hunters must ask landowners for permission to hunt. How can hunters do this respectfully?  
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- You expect hunters to obey the landowner’s rules when on their property. What kind of rules may a landowner ask a hunter to follow? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Trespassing means ... \_\_\_\_\_  
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- You think hunters should consider themselves guests on private property. How should hunters treat someone else’s property? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What is the “land ethic”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How can hunters leave the land better than they found it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What should hunters do with their litter? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- You value firearm safety to prevent accidents from happening on the property. What is considered a “safe direction” for hunters to point the muzzle of their firearms? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What are some other ways hunters can be safe and considerate of the landowner’s neighbors?  
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- You believe hunters should share their thanks with the landowner. How may a hunter express their thanks?  
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**Next, share your findings with your team members.** As a group, develop your ethical guidelines (or “code of ethics” in other words) on a separate sheet of paper or on your computer. **Then design a pamphlet that educates hunters about your code of ethics that hunters can live by. Your group will present your pamphlet to the class and use it to debate multiple hunting scenarios.** So jam pack your pamphlet with as much useful information as you can, and create an eye-catching pamphlet by decorating it with images and graphics! Have a blast decoding your ethics, and remember ... responsibility is key.

