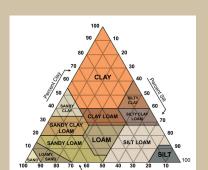


We understand that studying for Envirothon on top of doing school work, finishing up AP tests and finals and whatever else you have on your plate can be overwhelming. With that in mind, we created a study guide to help narrow down the most commonly asked topics for each category. It is in no way comprehensive, but it is meant to be a starting point. We hope this is helpful!

## Soils/Land Use

## If you have I hour to study

- Soil Basics
  - o Soil Science Video
  - o Plant Nutrients in the Soil
  - Why is Soil Important?
  - Soil Health Key Points
- Soil Texture Triangle
  - Learn how to read one
  - Video
  - o Soil Texture Calculator
  - Methods for Determining Soil Texture
- Understand soil profiles, soil horizons and sub-horizon designations
  - o Soil Horizons
  - Soil Profile and Soil Horizons Video
- Munsell Color Chart
  - How to read one



## If you have 2 hours to study

- Soil Characteristics
  - organic matter, aggregate stability, water infiltration and compaction
  - o <u>Video</u>
- Soil Texture and Structure
  - o Lesson read pages 4-8
- Soil Erosion and Conservation Methods
  - Erosion Video
  - o Slowing Down Erosion Video
- Parent Material
  - o How Parent Material Affects Soil Profile
  - o Parent Soils of WA read pages 4-11
- Web Soil Survey
  - This allows you to do a soil survey of a particular location. In-depth but cool
- From the Surface Down
  - An introduction to soil surveys



## If you have 3 hours to study

- Wetlands and Hydric Soils
  - o <u>Introduction</u>
  - o Field Indicators of Hydric Soils
    - Very useful information for advanced understanding
- Understand soil drainage classes and how wetlands are defined
  - o <u>Video</u>
- Available Water Capacity
  - o <u>Fact Sheet</u>
  - o Soil Water Dynamics Article
- Water Table
  - o <u>Video</u>
- Nutrients in Fertilizer
  - o Article







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