



Module 3 ~ Why Manage Invasive Plants? (LE/UE)

Answer Key – Guiding Questions – *Why Manage Invasive Plants? Presentation*

Directions: Use these guiding questions to follow along while viewing the presentation,
Why Manage Invasive Plants?

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1. Plants are plants that were introduced to Florida since the time of Christopher Columbus are **non-native**.
2. Native plants are usually not a problem while **invasive** plants nearly always cause problems.
3. **Water hyacinth** and **hydrilla** are Florida's worst aquatic invasive plants.
4. **Maintenance** control is all about managing small groups or clusters of invasive plants, before they become a problem.
5. When maintenance control was stopped in Lake Okeechobee in 1986 water hyacinth grew from 2000 acres to **8000** acres in 5 months.
6. Sometimes combinations of **methods** are needed to control invasive plants. This approach is known as **integrated** plant management.
7. Increased public awareness and **citizen** involvement can help.
8. **Prevention** is the most efficient and least expensive way to protect Florida's environment from invasive aquatic plants.

Standards

****Suggested state standards that pertain to this activity are included in the *Silent Invaders* Audio-Visual Presentation Teacher Guide****

