**Whose Forests**

**Question Discuss:**
- What do you think is a forest?
- If someone grew lots of trees close to each other, would this become a forest?

**Question Find Out and Write:**
- Other than trees what all is there in a forest?
- Do all forests have similar types of trees? How many trees can you identify?
- Suryamani says, “If the forests are not there, we too will not remain.” Why so?

**Question Think and Write:**
- Do you know anyone who loves the forest?
- The contractor did not allow Suryamani’s people to go into the forest. Why?

**Question Discuss:**
- Who do you think the forest belongs to?
- Bhudhiyamai said – “Forest is our ‘collective bank’ – not yours or mine alone.” Are there other things which are our collective wealth? So if someone uses more, everyone would suffer?

**Question Suryamani’s Journey:**
- Do you have a friend with whom you can share everything?
- Some people have moved so far away from the forest, that they can’t understand the lives of forest people. Some even call them ‘jungli’. Why is it not correct to say this?
- What do you know about how adivasis live? Write and draw a picture.
- Do you have an adivasi friend? What have you learnt about the forest from her.
Question Think:
- Do you know of any one who works to save forests?
- What is your dream? What will you do to make your dream come true?
- Collect reports about forests from newspapers. Did you find any news about how the cutting down of forests affects the weather? How?
- In ‘Torang’ Suryamani does a lot to keep the Kuduk music, dance and traditions alive. Would you like to do something like this for your community? What would you like to keep alive?

Question Read and Tell:
- Sikhya, a Class X girl in Orissa, wrote a letter to the Chief Minister. Read a part of the letter.
- Is there any factory or some construction work going on in and around your area? What type of work?
- Due to the factory is there any effect on the trees and land? Have the people in that area raised this issue?

Question Look at the map and:
- What all is shown in the map?
- You have read Sikhya’s letter. Look for Orissa in the map.
Is there a sea close to Orissa? How did you find out?
Which are the states which have the sea on one side?
Where is Suryamani’s state Jharkhand on the map?
Where are forests on the map? How will you find these?
For someone in Madhya Pradesh, in which direction would the country’s thickest forests be? Name those states.

Question Find out:
Which are the states around Mizoram?
Chamui said they measure land using tin. Which are the other ways of measuring land?
Returning from school, children drank water in a bamboo cup. Who do you think would have made this cup and kept it in the forest? Why?

Question What we have learnt:
What is similar and what is different between jhoom farming and Bhaskarbhai’s way of farming?
Explain in your own words why forests are important for the people living in forests?
Did you find something interesting in jhoom farming? What is it?