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As I write this essay I notice that I'm sitting in the warmth of a pellet stove holding paper and a pencil, with a bookshelf full of books to my right, in a wooden house. I realize how much trees have an impact on my life. Tree products are so involved in our lives that some people don't notice them. Almost every industry is affected by the forest industry. Some of the more commonly known tree related industries are: the construction, lineman/utility, and agriculture industries. One not so obvious industry that is impacted by our forests is the education industry.

The education industry uses many forest products. Some of them are paper, pencils, books, and wood chips for playgrounds. Until the pandemic hit in March I didn't realize how much the forest industry impacted my education. I also realized how much I like writing with a pencil and paper instead of typing on a computer, and I also like reading books rather than listening to them online. I like using forest products.

The forest industry and tree products affect us in many ways. Without them our lives would be much different. There would be no paper, pencils, books, or power poles. Houses would be made of metal, furniture would be made out of plastic. If we didn't have forest products, we would not have a lot of things. Trees are important. I am grateful for trees and the education opportunity they give me. Idaho forests improve lives.