

## Tragedy of the Commons TedEd Video Questions

\*\*Watch “Tragedy of the Commons – Chalk Talk Part 1” on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZDjPnzoge0>

1. In your own words, what is The Tragedy of the Commons?
2. What motivates farmers to move more cows to the pasture?
3. Which of these is not a commons?
  - a. Aquifers
  - b. The ocean
  - c. Privately owned farms
  - d. Highways
4. Explain your answer choice for number 3.
5. True or false: As the population grows, the tragedy of the commons will become more of a problem.
6. Explain your answer choice for number 5.
7. What do you think can be done to solve the problem of the tragedy?

\*\*Watch “Tragedy of the Commons – Chalk Talk Part 2” at  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVwk6VlxBXg>

And read this article for another explanation: <http://www.scq.ubc.ca/tragedy-of-the-commons-explained-with-smurfs/>

8. After the whole lesson (2 videos and the Smurf analogy), explain who you think bears the most responsibility for managing the commons. Be sure to explain your answer.

9. Finally, is there anything we can do to make it less of a tragedy?