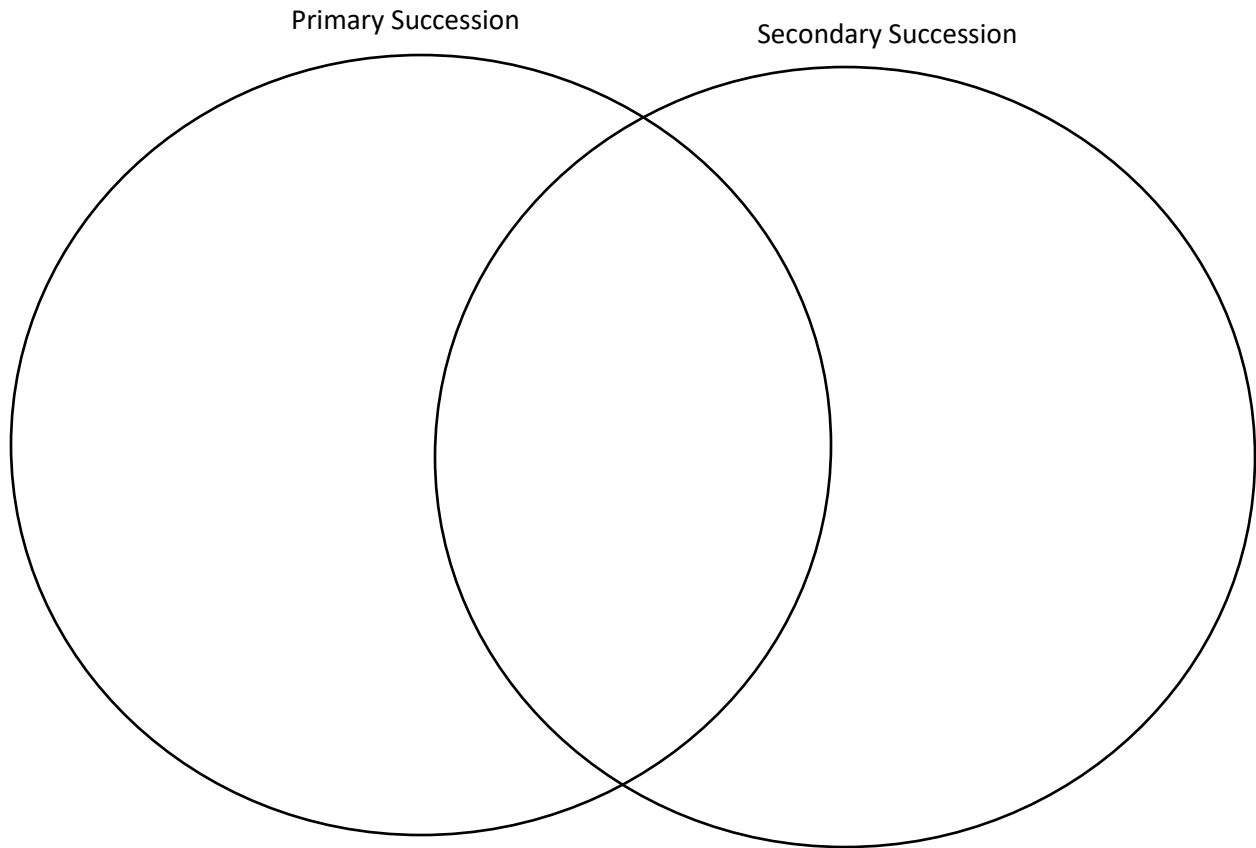


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Ecological Succession Practice

Directions: Compare and contrast primary and secondary succession using the bulleted phrases below.

- Comes after a natural disaster
- Climax community
- Starts as a result of a forest fire or flood
- Starts as a result of a volcano or receding glacier
- Pioneer species
- Starts on bare rock
- Starts with previously existing soil
- Lichens break down rock
- Happens relatively slow
- Happens relatively fast



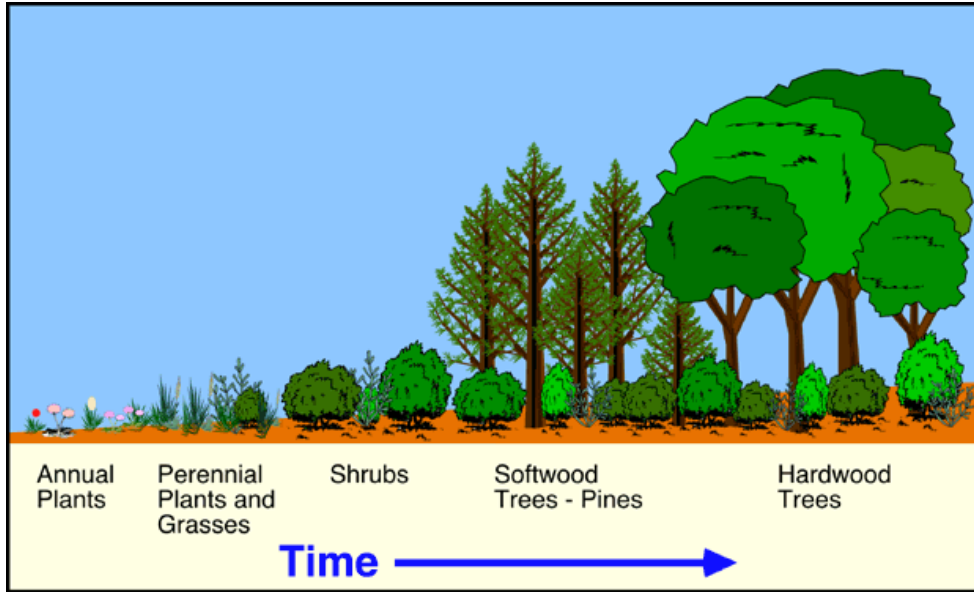
1. Define pioneer species. What are the two most common pioneer species in primary succession?

2. What is a climax community?

3. What are the climax communities found in Virginia?

4. Label the two pictures below as either **primary** or **secondary** succession.

a. _____



b. _____

