

3. Answers will vary. Students should understand that kudzu's ability to replace other species in a habitat is a threat both to other plant species and to animals that feed on the replaced plants.

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1. Answers will vary. Students should understand that although kudzu has decorative flowers, it is considered a weed in North America.

2. Answers will vary. Students should understand that predators are an important means of controlling the spread of plants.



1. Would you describe this plant as a decorative flower or a weed?
2. If you knew that the kudzu plant has few or no natural predators in North America, what concerns might you have about it?
3. If you learned that kudzu tends to thrive and crowd other plants out of its habitats, would you consider it a threat to biodiversity? Explain your answer.