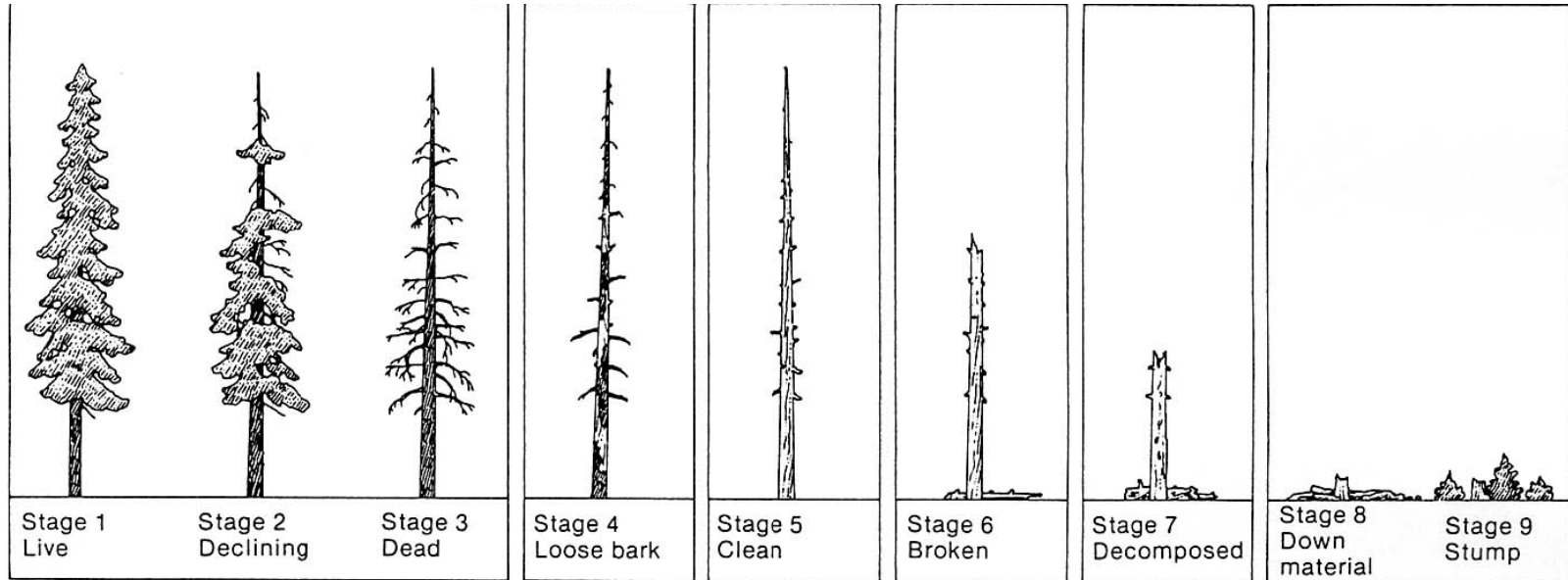
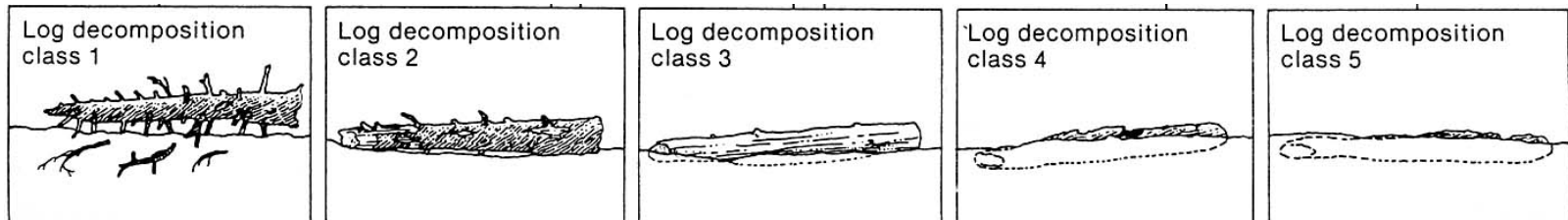


## Decomposition in the Forest

1) Pick a standing tree and decide which *stage of decay* they fit into using the chart below.



2) Find a log on the ground. Using the chart below, which *log decomposition class* does your log fit into?



3) What types of decomposers are helping break down the dead material?

4) Besides decomposers, what other factors are helping or hurting the process of decomposition?