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Protecting the Amazon rainforest

How we can continue to protect the Amazon Rainforest is very important and many people need to put in as much effort. Many people might think “Why is it important to protect the Amazon?”. Well many resources come from the Amazon forest. It also helps with cleaning the air. How we can continue to protect it is by limiting the amount of trees people cut down for wood, paper etc. We can also protect it by lessening the amount of paper and wood we use. If we keep it like this it would help with air pollution and saving the animals that have lived there with endangered animals.

One reason that we should protect the Amazon is it helps with cleaning the air. The main reason is the Amazon helps keep temperatures down by pulling in water from the soil and later releases it as vapor. The Amazon plants and trees help with cleaning the air by taking the pollutants and turning them into oxygen. The trees from the Amazon have spines and hairs that trap the pollutants. The trees and plants absorb all the contaminants then it goes through a process that helps purify the air. Without the Amazon the air would be in much worse conditions and would not be as clean as it is. Cutting down more trees is what will affect the whole planet with air, food, animals etc.

Another reason we should protect the Amazon is to protect wildlife. The reason we should protect wildlife is because the Amazon is home to many thousand animals, most of them who are endangered. This is the fact that most rainforest animals can survive in their natural habitat which will make it harder for them to adapt to another place if they are home. Think about how you would feel if they took away your home you have lived in and then people just destroy it. Many wouldn't like that. The Amazon is there to protect all those endangered animals and many other species. Some of these animals have been taken to the zoo and many of them can not survive in the zoo.

All of these topics and many more are important to save Amazon. Some steps I think we as people should do to protect the Amazon. First step we could take is by reducing wood and paper usage. This can be set by a law which will limit people from cutting down trees or only certain people are allowed to cut down some trees. But if they continue to cut down trees more and more it will start to affect the air pollution and many other things. This plan will protect the Amazon because when you think of it trees and plants are the most valuable thing for an Amazon to continue. Without an Amazon animals will start to leave their natural habitat causing some animals to die from not being able to survive somewhere else then their habitat. Many animals will go either extinct or go endangered.

In conclusion I think the Amazon rainforest should be protected as much as possible. And many people can help with doing that by setting boundaries or laws to make sure not as many trees are being cut down. Many people might not find helping the Amazon as important but whatever happens to the Amazon could worsen our planet. If the Amazon isn't helped, who would know what would happen if it got completely destroyed. This is why protecting the Amazon is very much necessary.

Project Rubric

Final Paper:

Paragraphs	Description	Points
Introduction	Contains a clear <u>thesis</u> and accurately describes the topic of the paper and why it is being written	3 2 1 0
Argument 1	Argument explains why it is important to protect the Amazon Rainforest, is clear, and uses 3 pieces of information from your sources to support your thesis	4 3 2 1 0

Argument 2	Argument explains why it is important to protect the Amazon Rainforest, is unique and different from argument 1, is clear, and uses 3 pieces of information from your sources to support your thesis	4 3 2 1 0
Action Plan	Paragraph contains an action plan that describes programs and actions you would take in order to better protect the rainforest and the animals that live there. Your action plan must be specific with details that would help the government put it into use.	4 3 2 1 0
Conclusion	Contains clear <u>thesis</u> and summarizes the main ideas of your paper	3 2 1 0
Grammar/ format	Paper uses proper grammar, format and spelling throughout	2 1 0

Final Paper Points: 20/_____

Materials:

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Research Table	Completed research table with information about which 4 sources you used and what information you included in your essay.	2 1 0

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