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The Amazon Rainforest has a lot of things living there like animals and plants, and also a Water Cycle. It is also a beautiful place to go there. However, some of those things that are living there are endangered, it can also affect the Water Cycle. It can affect the water cycle because when there is less moisture that can go to the atmosphere, it can lead to shortage of water. I think people should build a National Park to protect the Amazon because animals and plants are endangered, and also the water cycle because it's important for the environment. The water cycle is important because without trees, there would not be rain for the things to hydrate.

Some plants we can find there are the Bromeliads, Triunia Robusta, and Rafflesia Flower. A couple animals we can find there too are Hyacinth Macaws, The South American Tapir, and Jaguars. It is important to protect the rainforest because one of the animals that lives there and is endangered is the Hyacinth Macaws. They are endangered because there are markets for them due to their magnificent appearance and it's reducing the numbers found in the wild. Another reason to protect the rainforest is because one of the rarest flowers in the world is in there, that plant is called the Rafflesia Flower. The Rafflesia Flower is endangered due to loss of habitat.

Another reason to protect the Amazon is the Water Cycle. It is important to protect the Water Cycle because when forests are cut down, less moisture goes into the atmosphere and rainfall declines, sometimes leading to a shortage of water. This means if more things get cut down, the water cycle would not be able to work normally. People use water for a lot of reasons. However in the water cycle, they use water to keep the plants alive, to keep the animals alive, and to keep the rainforest in good condition.

I think people should protect the Amazon because animals and plants are endangered and also protect the water cycle because it's important for the environment and important for the things living there. My plan to protect these things will be to have them in a national park. I think this plan will work to protect the Amazon by trying to make it look like a rainforest, putting the endangered plants and animals there, and to try to create a water cycle. To make it look like a rainforest, I could put plants, leaves, homes, trees, and water. To try to create a water cycle, I can watch stuff on the internet to know or I can research so I can be prepared to build it.

It is important to build a national park for these animals and plants because that way they will be more safe and less likely to be endangered, it is also important to save the water cycle because the things in there can survive. In the Amazon Rainforest, there are a lot of beautiful animals and plants living there. However, some of those animals and plants are endangered like the Jaguars, Hyacinth Macaws, The South American Tapir, and the Rafflesia Flower. Also it is important to protect the Water Cycle as well because without a clean water cycle the things may die and it would not be able to rain. These are the reasons why it is important to protect the animals and animals who are endangered, and why it is also important to protect the water cycle.

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:

Peer Edit	Completed peer edit assignment with thorough notes about your paper. Clear evidence that your partner has read and given you feedback to help improve your essay	3 2 1 0
Research Table	Completed research table with information about which 4 sources you used and what information you included in your essay.	2 1 0

Materials Points: 5/ _____

Total Points: 25/ _____