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The Protection of Trees and Plants/Animals In the Amazon

Welcome to my essay. My name is Elvis and I am going to show you guys why protecting the Amazon Rainforest is important. As we know, the Amazon rainforest is one of the biggest forests in the world and covers up about one-fourth of South America. Not to mention, one thing that we should protect from the Amazon is trees because it has an important role to the world. Furthermore, another thing that we should protect in the Amazon Rainforest is plants/animals because it has important things that can help our health. To summarize, we will be talking about plants/animals and trees and how they can help the Amazon and how we should protect it.

To start off, we should protect the amazon rainforest because of trees. Amazon could protect the trees by simply reducing your consumption of wood and paper products, but farmers and ranchers cut down on crops and livestock. Not to mention, farmers and ranchers probably don't know how important trees are in the Amazon Rainforest. Furthermore, one reason is that trees are an important part in the water cycle, grounding the water in their roots and releasing it into the atmosphere. Also they play a critical role

in climate change and if they get cut down, deforestation will drive the climate change and removing trees deprives the forest of portions of its canopy, which blocks the sun's rays during the day and holds in heat at night so this disruption leads to more extreme temperatures swings that can be harmful to plants and animals. To finish it all, the final reason to protect trees in the Amazon is because they play a critical role in absorbing the greenhouse gases that fuel global warming, so if farmers and ranchers cut down trees larger amounts of greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere and increased speed and severity of global warming.

Another reason why we should protect the Amazon is because of the Plants and Animals. Almost 50% of animals live in the Amazon and if the Amazon is gone then those animals might go extinct. Not to mention, some animals help us bring out nutrients from the cycle, decomposition, carbon, and nitrogen cycle. In order for them to live they need food, water, and natural resources and these animals are sometimes dying from wildfires. We also need plants because they help us provide medicines such as Wasai, HIV, Lapacho, Sodo, Cola de Raton, etc. Finally, in the Amazon the water is held within the plants, the Amazon holds 25% of the water in the world and without the plants, the climate may become dryer and growing food could become impossible for many.

To begin, people should need to protect the Amazon rainforest because trees have many critical roles. Also we should protect plants because they can provide us with medicines and we should protect the animals because if the animals of the Amazon Rainforest die they will become extinct. So I would protect the Amazon rainforest by

putting up laws that the people cannot cut down and destroy or step on the trees and if the people do it, they would go to jail. Also I would put gates around the animals so then people won't do anything to the animals. To conclude, I believe we should protect the Amazon because it's a home for the animals, they help to the Amazon and we should protect them by putting gates around them, and we should protect plants and trees because they play critical roles to climate, medicines,etc and we should protect it by putting laws or else the Amazon might be gone forever if we don't do anything about it.

Source 1:

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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
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