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The Amazon Rainforest is the world's largest rainforest, over 3 million species live in the rainforest and over 2,500 tree species. That is the reason why I firmly believe that we should build a place where we can protect the Amazon rainforest perhaps a national park, and we are going to be able to protect animals along with plants in the Amazon Rainforest. If we don't do anything to help the Amazon Rainforest we are going to have a risk of both extinction of wildlife and climate change. We got the chance to see what it's like to live on this planet, why should we take it away from future generations.

Animals that live in the Amazon Rainforest are endangered because people are catching them to sell them for money and taking their homes away from them. Each year the Amazon loses thousands of square miles of forested areas. The Amazon has some of the world's most unusual wildlife. There are around 40,000 plant species, 2,400 freshwater species, and more than 370 types of reptiles. The Amazon rainforest is also home to 427 mammals species, 1,300 bird species, 378 species of reptiles, and more than 400 species of amphibians, like jaguars, sloth, river dolphins, macaws, anacondas, glass frogs, and poison dart frogs. We should establish parks that protect rainforests and wildlife. Also try your best to support companies that operate in ways that minimize damage to the environment.

We should also put climate change into consideration when we are talking about why we should help the Amazon rainforest. Rainforests help stabilize the world's climate by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. But when rainforests are being chopped down and burned, the carbon that was in their wood and leaves gets released into the atmosphere, it just ends up contributing to climate change. Between 30% and 60% of the Amazon rainforest could possibly become a dry savanna in the future. We can also expect the degradation

of freshwater system problems to come. Overtime, global climate change and deforestation will most likely lead to increased temperatures and changing rain patterns in the Amazon. Higher temperatures are impacting homes of species, causing their distribution to change. Some terrestrial species have already invaded higher altitude habitats, but it is expected that many will simply disappear from their current habitats.

Many species in the Amazon Rainforest are being used to profit money. Snakes, frogs, and many more animals are sold to pet stores all around the world. We should have stricter punishments for people that are doing this sort of thing like giving higher fines for poachers. This might seem over excessive but maybe giving people jail sentences that way it can insure that they are no longer capturing endangered species. Both of steps will help protect species which are extremely important to the rainforests ecosystem.

So in conclusion we should really take care of the Amazon rainforest. And we should start taking things more seriously, we only have one Amazon rainforest and if things keep going like they are now. We will not only not have an Amazon rainforest anymore but there is a chance that we will also not have an earth anymore. Thank you for your time.

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

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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/ _____