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Protect the Amazon

What if I told you that the largest forest in the world has trees being cut down?. This forever changes the habitat and ecosystem. Between August 2020 and July 2021, the rainforest lost 10,476 square kilometers. 3.5 billion to 7 billion trees are being cut down every year from the rainforest. Creating a law that prevents deforestation and another one that reduces the amount of meat that people can buy per day will protect the Amazon which will protect the animals and the Native people who are currently fighting to stay where their home is... in the Amazon.

For thousands of years, indigenous people have made their home there. This includes the Yanomami, the pygmy tribe and the Huli tribe. They live by hunting and gathering. They grow crops on small plots of land in the forest. They should be able to live where they feel that they belong, on their own land. They have a right to preserve themselves and their way of life. Future generations should be able to experience and learn from their traditions and their culture. Indigenous know how to protect the forest, protecting the indigenous is the smartest thing to do. Not to mention, the forest stabilizes the climate, therefore, we all need forests to slow climate change and indigenous people know how to take care of it better than anyone else.

Equally important, the Amazon is home to animals too. Half of the animals in the world live there. 125 species of mammals and 400 kinds of birds but these are only animals that scientists know about. They play an important role in keeping the Amazon healthy. For example, nutrients that are important from feces and food scraps that are deposited by mammals leech into the forest ground. This helps soil microbes better store carbon instead of releasing it into the atmosphere. Unfortunately numerous animals are endangered. The Jaguars population is decreasing for many reasons, one of them being habitat loss. If Jaguars went extinct, everything below in the food chain would be affected and other species populations would increase. This would make a new ecosystem that will be adjusted to the species left.

Undoubtedly, a lot of the oxygen that we breathe comes from the Amazon so ranchers and farmers should stick with the amount of land they have and stop burning fires to expand their land. This harms the habitat of animals and causes deforestation. Creating a law that prevents deforestation and one that limits the amount of meat people can buy is an extraordinary solution to protect the rainforest

In conclusion, there are various reasons why to protect the rainforest, remarkably everyone in the world should take action to protect the rainforest because living things live in this forest and they should be able to stay in their home without worrying if they're not going to have one anymore.

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/ _____