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Have you ever wondered what would happen if we got rid of the biggest rainforest on planet Earth? A rainforest is an area of tall, mostly evergreen trees and a high amount of rainfall. The Amazon rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world, about 17 percent of the Amazonian rainforest has been destroyed over the past 50 years, and losses recently have been on the rise. The Amazon Rainforest is found in Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, and Suriname. We should pass laws to protect the Native people and natural resources because these are people's homes and people are destroying them. If we don't protect the Amazon we won't have the plants that help produce medicine.

It is important to protect the Amazon because the Native Tribes living there will have the opportunity to keep their homes. To commence, these Native Tribes have inhabited (if a person, animal, or group lives in or occupied a place or environment) the Amazon Rainforest for at least 11,200 years. In addition, most tribes live in settled villages by the river and grow vegetables and fruits like manioc, corn, beans and bananas. Indigenous people also plant small gardens for other sources of food like guavas, pineapples, mangos and tomatoes. Furthermore, these tribes prefer/cannot be contacted with the outside world because they face threats like death, diseases, and land loss. In late 2009, a man from the Tanaru region was viciously targeted by gunmen. Many ranchers have used gunmen to kill uncontacted Indians in Rondônia. To conclude, this is why it's important to protect the Native Tribes in the Amazon Rainforest.

We should also protect the plants in the Amazon Rainforest since they give us natural resources. To begin, minerals like gold and copper as well as cattle and hydroelectric energy (a form of energy that harnesses the power of water in motion) are rainforest resources. Furthermore, there is a plant called wasai which is great for kidney health, the root of the wasai tree is of ten ground up and prescribed as a diuretic (water pills,help get rid of your body's salt (sodium) and water). Consequently, there's another plant in the Amazon called feverfew,

it can be used to treat fevers. It can also be commonly used to prevent migraines (A headache of varying intensity often accompanied by nausea and sensitivity to sound and light). In conclusion, these plants aid some illnesses which are very important to our society which is why we should be cautious/take care of the plants in the Amazon Rainforest.

To preserve the Amazon Rainforest we should pass laws because native gain recognition of their territories and they get to keep their homes. In addition, we need to protect natural resources like the plants that help us produce medicine. We could get small businesses to limit the amount of trees/plants they cut down. Along with persuading individuals to help convince the government that we need this law to save these people and without the correct elements we can't cure illnesses and diseases. without trees there isn't anything that can absorb the carbon dioxide in the air. This plan will protect the Amazon because we will be informing the government about the problems in Amazon and we will be explaining the things they should be concerned about since it is the biggest rainforest in the world.

To conclude everything that has been stated, in this essay you gained the understanding on why it is important to pass laws in the Amazon Rainforest so we can protect the Native people and natural resources because these are people's homes and people are destroying them. If we don't protect the Amazon we won't have the plants that help produce medicine. Protecting this rainforest is important because the Amazon can be found in 8 different countries so if terrible things happen it can affect all 8 of those countries. But, we still have the chance to prevent a tragedy in the biggest rainforest also known as the Amazon Rainforest.

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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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

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