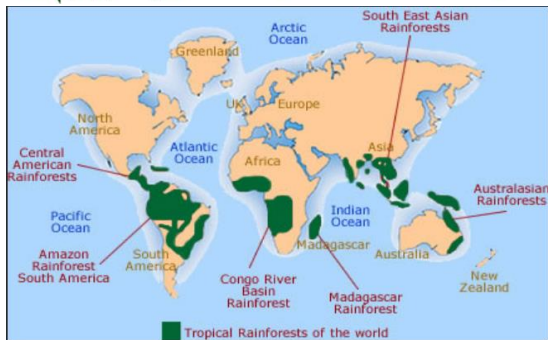


Big Question!

What changes can we make to protect the Rainforest?

Secrets of the Rainforest



Topic Vocabulary

Rainforest	A dense forest, normally found in tropical areas with high rainfall. They generate much of the world's oxygen.	Emergent Layer	The top layer of a rainforest is called the emergent layer. This layer receives bright sunlight and plenty of rain, and is also very windy.
Adaptation	The special features that a living thing has to help it survive in a particular habitat.	Canopy	A thick layer of vegetation below the emergent layer.
Biome	An area of the planet that can be classified according to the plants and animals that live in it	Understory	The warm, damp, and sheltered layer below the leafy tree canopy.
Climate	The weather and temperature usually found in an area	Undergrowth	The forest floor of the rainforest is very dark and humid because this is the lowest layer in the rainforest.
Deforestation	The destruction of trees over large areas	Environment	The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives
Ecosystem	A community of plants and animals that depend on each other to survive.	Sustainable	The idea that humans must interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations
Equator	An imaginary circle round Earth. It runs east to west halfway between the North and South poles. This area of the Earth receives the most sunlight.	Environmentally Friendly	Products that contribute to green living or practices that help conserve resources like water and energy.
Indigenous	A living thing that belongs naturally to an area.	Fossil Fuels	The three most important fossil fuels are coal, petroleum, and natural gas.
Logging	The felling and cutting of trees	Consumption	The amount used or eaten.
Species	A group of living things that have the same main features and can breed with one another.	Accountability	Obligated to explain, justify, and take responsibility for one's actions
Threat	Something that can cause harm to an animal, plant or habitat	Conservation	To protect species from extinction through maintaining habitats and ecosystems that may be under threat from humans or natural events, such as floods, droughts or deforestation.
Vegetation	The plant life growing in a certain area	Responsibly Sourced	Organisation actively and consciously sources and procures products in a sustainable way.