

The Mysteries of the Amazon



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Introduction

Have you ever wondered how fascinating it would be to live in the rainforest? Well in the Amazon people do! People have to adapt to the terrible heat and humidity. They also have to live with dangerous predators. But this land is being destroyed! Enjoy the journey as you read on.

Predators

By Ben

Predators in the rain forest use creative ways to hunt. In the rain forest piranhas hunt with their mouths open to scare away predators they use their sharp teeth to rip and tear through flesh. Unfortunately piranhas are not immune to all predators for the Amazonian crocodile eats piranhas. People believe the crocodile eats humans but they don't. The Arawana fish eats bugs off trees by jumping out of the water. The Arawanas eyes have adjusted to be able to jump out of the water and still be able to see. Another amazon creature is the boa constrictor it squeezes prey to death. The boa constrictor is long but the anaconda is longer. After the boa constrictor kills the prey they eat the body. The anteater snares prey by using its long sticky tongue to its advantage. As shown animals do have many creative strategies to hunt.



<http://www.boa-constrictors.com/sites/default/files/WuchtiNeu.jpg>

The Boa constrictor is a large deadly snake.

Climate

By Emma

The Amazon's climate is warm and humid or rainy. To start, the temperature is usually at about 80 degrees F but at night the temperature drops. Second, you just don't know the weather for tomorrow and there is always a slight change in the weather. For example, it could be pouring rain then the next day it could be sunny and hot! Sometimes the temperature between day and night is larger than the temperature any two seasons. Did you hear that? Any two seasons! Third, there is no winter or summer because it is near the Equator and in the dry season it might be about 82.2 degrees F. Last, it is usually 80 percent humidity and it is also warm and humid all year and the clouds keep it moist. Still today the Amazon's climate is warm and humid and it probably always will be.



<http://www.traveldestination.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/amazon-rainforest-3.jpg>

The Disappearing Forest

By Lamar

The Amazon Rainforest is disappearing because of what the humans have done to it. In less than fifty years, more than one half of the world's forest have been lost. We destroyed the rainforest very fast. People are the main reason that thousands of square miles are destroyed every year. People cut down trees in the Rainforest for firewood, for the cows to graze on (how did cows end up in the Rainforest?), and to build houses. The government and scientist in South America are trying to stop people from cutting down trees. But, the Rainforest is disappearing at an alarming rate. In less than 50 years more than half of the Rainforest has been lost. Wow! That's pretty fast!



<http://thingstodo.viator.com/brazil/files/2011/12/illegal-logging-in-amazon.jpg>

This truck is carrying trees that are cut down.

Living in the Amazon

By Victoria

Living in the Amazon Rainforest is challenging because they do not have the resources and the technology that we have in us. there are 200,000 people living in the Amazon Rainforest. The 3 tribes are Yanomami, Pygmy and Huli . They live in groups of 60 to 200 people that's a lot of people isn't! People don't survive in for a long time. They get food by hunting and farming. They grow corn, cotton, tobacco and fruit. the main food is cassava. They shoot birds and fish with a bow and arrow. There is no technology because there is no internet. Living in the amazon rainforest is harder then how we live in us because they have to hunt for food and grow crops .



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A native from the Amazon tribe

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