

Y3 Geography: South America and the Amazon Rainforest Knowledge Organiser



Prior learning that will help me

- I understand what is meant by human and physical geography.
- The name and location of the seven continents.
- I can use an atlas to name and locate the 12 countries and capital cities of South America.
- I understand the difference between weather and climate.
- I know the five major climate zones.
- I can describe what a biome is.

Physical Geography

- Key features of a rainforest biome are: hot and humid, with high levels rainfall (there are no separate seasons) and a diverse amount of plants and wildlife.
- A rainforest has four main layers: emergent, canopy, understory and the forest floor.
- Rainforests are essential to life on Earth providing, oxygen, water, medicine, food, and shelter to many living things.

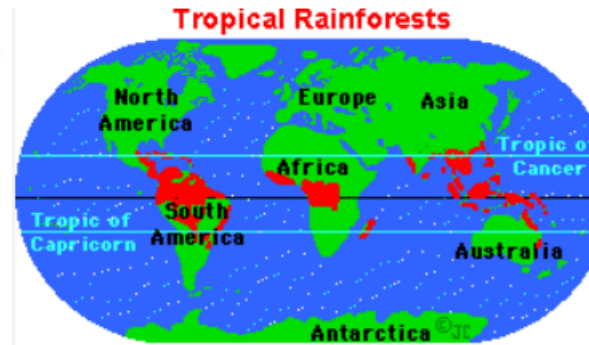
Human Geography

- Humans have destroyed large parts of the Amazon Rainforest (deforestation) to grow cash crops and rear animals.
- Deforestation impacts the environment because rainforests absorb harmful gases from the atmosphere (carbon dioxide) that lead to climate change.

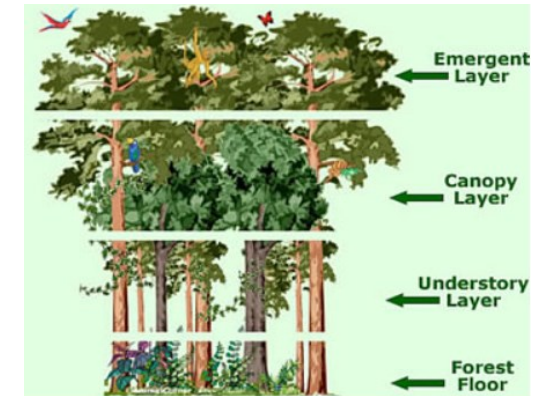


Indigenous People: The Awa are one of very few hunter-gatherer communities left in the Amazon basin.

Where are the tropical rainforests?



Where is the Amazon rainforest?



Key Vocabulary

Physical Geography: South America, Amazon, rainforest, biome, climate, vegetation, wildlife, humid, climate change, emergent, canopy, understory
Human Geography Deforestation, cash crops, indigenous, settlement

