


 Discovery Worksheets

Rainforest PowerPoint

Rainforests are home to a huge variety of the Earth's life forms. They also hold the secrets to many medical issues, and are vital oxygen suppliers and climate controllers for the planet. However, they are disappearing at an increasing rate due to human activities, mainly through logging, mining, farming and road making.

For this activity you and one or two other students are to prepare a PowerPoint presentation of eight to ten slides on a rainforest issue. You can choose one of the two issues presented here. Remember to plan your slides on paper as you do your research, including ideas for pictures, graphics and text. Remember, too, that the text on a PowerPoint slide should be headings or points which you will expand further when presenting your display.



Choice 1: RAINFOREST UNDER THREAT

1. Show how rainforests in either the Amazon Basin, Australia or Indonesia have been cleared.
2. Explain why this has happened.
3. Explain the environmental effects of this action.
4. Offer your suggested solutions to this problem.



Choice 2: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. Describe programs that could be introduced in either Australia, Brazil or Indonesia to conserve rainforest plants and animals.
2. Explain which program could most easily be introduced by the government of your country.
3. Explain what the main problems are with introducing such a program.



Atlas of Discovery, pp. 60, 162–163; your school library; Internet, PowerPoint program