

Year 3: Understanding the world – Rainforests

Key Questions: How does the rainforest environment shape the climate, wildlife, and human life within it?

Helpful Information



Critical Thinking Questions

Where are the rainforests of the world located?	What is the climate like in a rainforest?	What are the different layers of a rainforest?
What is the different plant and animal life found in the rainforest?	How is life in the rainforest?	How can we protect the rainforest?

Layers of the Rainforest

Emergent Layer

Consists of the tallest trees, some birds, and insects. No animals live here

Canopy Layer

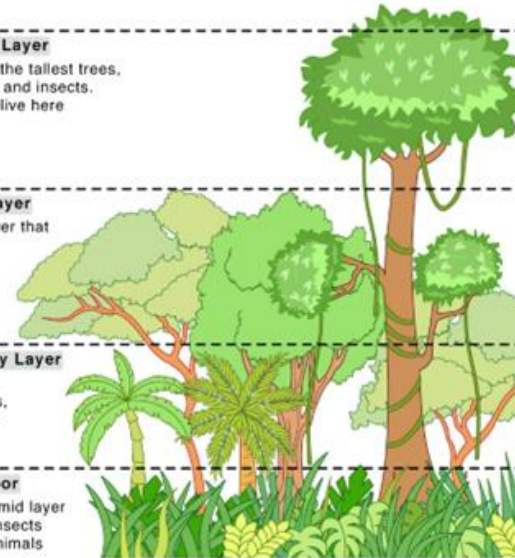
Thickest layer that hosts most flora and fauna

Understory Layer

Consists of young herbs, shrubs, and bushes

Forest Floor

Darkest, humid layer that hosts insects and giant animals



Vocab Pyramid

Tier 3	temperate, monsoon trough, decay, deforestation, ecosystem, indigenous, rainforest alliance
Tier 2	tropical, climate, species, undiscovered, natural medicines, undergrowth, leaf canopy, forest floor, understory, canopy, emergent, timber, logging, equator
Tier 1	rainforest, rainfall, plants, insects, micro-organisms, sunlight, vines, shrubs, trees, jungle, soil

Key Concepts

