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## **Rainforest Deforestation**

*General Purpose:* To persuade.

*Specific Purpose:* To highlight the importance the forests particularly the rainforests have in our lives and measures that must be taken in order to preserve it.

*Central Idea:* We need proper management of forest consumption so we can prevent instability in our world.

### **INTRO:**

I: Attention:

**A: Imagine a world so sick its unhealthy air quality makes it uncomfortable to breathe.**

B: Globally it is speculated an acre of forest is destroyed every second (at this rate there will not be any forests in 100 years).

C: The Forests provide us with many things vital to everyday life.

- 1) O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> exchange providing animals and people with oxygen and habitat as well as food.

II: People need to practice certain practices discussed later and be more self aware of what they are consuming. In addition, we need management to sustain a safe rate of consumption.

Transition: *The rainforest is a staple in the stability of our planet, Earth.*

### **BODY:**

I: The things the rainforest supplies humans as well as animals and plants.

A: O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> exchange made from photosynthesis.

- 1) Amazon Rainforest has been dubbed the name "The Lungs of the Earth" because it is responsible for 20% of global conversion.

B: 80% of the developed world's diet originated in the tropical rainforest.

- 1) Things such as fruits, vegetables, spices, coffee and nuts.
- 2) At least 3000 types of fruits are found in rainforest, 2000 of these are used by rainforest Indians, while only 200 are used by western world.

C: Rainforest provides animals and people with habitat.

- 1) One hectare (2.47 acres) may contain over 750 types of trees and up to 1500 species of higher developed plants.
- 2) 90 tribes of rainforest peoples have become extinct since the 1900's and continues to rise as destruction increases.

Transition: *With the importance of this subject stressed now it is time to talk about what we can do to save the rainforest.*

II: We must preserve our rainforests at whatever before it is too late. The following are things we can do to positively impact our rainforest.

A: Funding for positive practices practiced in rainforest instead of subsidizing harmful activities.

- 1) Harvesting nuts and fruits instead of clearing land for paper products.

B: A force should be deployed to maintain a steady rate of clearing and battle illegal logging companies.

C: People need to start recycling and not be so wasteful.

- 1) People should try to recycle all plastic items and paper products they consume.
- 2) As well as recycle people should use porcelain plates instead of paper and all round try to reduce paper product consumption

D: Support responsible paper product companies.

- 1) Look for FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) logos on paper products
- 2) Donate to places like [ran.org](http://ran.org) and [savetherainforest.org](http://savetherainforest.org).

Transition: *If everyone helps just a little bit our lives will be affected minimally, however if we do nothing and continue in our ways it may be the gravest mistake of our lives.*

## **CONCLUSION:**

I: This problem does seem global and too big for one person to fix.

A: Companies like Mitsubishi Corp. and Georgia Pacific which are worth billions rely on the rainforest and will not let it go easily.

B: Entire regions like Haiti have been completely depleted

II: We must come together and find a solution before it is too late and reaches a point of no return.

A: Recycle your garbage.

B: Donate to companies and organizations that have strength in the areas of concern.

III: We must remember the importance of the rainforests and realize that it has a great importance. We must do something that we are not used to doing, and that is worry about a problem before it is in our faces demanding attention.

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### **VISUAL AIDS**

Deforestation picture after strip mining has been done.

Recycle Crest