

## A year-8 pupil s piece of work

### What do I know about the Amazon rainforest?

The Amazon is in Brazil it has the widest river in the world and one of the biggest areas of rainforest in the whole of Brazil. But with the discovery of Iron ore under the forest floor this beautiful rainforests with their amazing creatures are slowly but surely dying out.

The rainforest is hot and wet the climate almost never changes it becomes hot in the afternoon and rain falls at the same time nearly every day. So how can people live in such a difficult climate the tribesmen who have managed for hundreds of years carry on as normal they love this climate because they have probbly never experienced another.

What I mean is how could a person live in a rainforest who Has experinced other climates live there Raimundo maneges fine -

Raimundo's story.

Raimundo is a farmer who lives in the rainforest now we'd all expect a farmer to live on a farm but raimundo is different. He lived in a village were drought was frequent he moved into the rainforest with a descion and a dream. With goverment funding he now lives and farms in the rainforest. He does not disturb the eco system he farms brazil nut trees and forest fruit. Some might say no matter what he farms he is still disturbing the natural bond. But unlike many farmers Raimundo loves is plot and tries very hard to keep it souluble. Raimundo will only leave his plot to go to the cemetery no matter what happens.

Raimundo is a typical example of a person who loves the rainforest Ricardo though is a different matter all together.

Ricardo's story

Ricardo is part of the grand caryges sceme this is a plan that extracts Iron ore from the forest floor but to do this they have to chop down many trees some might (like ricardo) ague that Iron ore will make Brazil a rich and importent county and besides whats a few little trees going to do to the rainforest others (like raimundo) would ague a few little trees today could turn out to be a whole forest tommorrow. Ricardo loves his new home and feels very positive about the whole thing. Caragyres is a small town closely garded for the workers and their famileys their is a swimming pool a disco a shopping centre etc Many of the towns folk feel the same as ricardo others hate the fact the rainforest is being chopped down but need the job and the money.

Here we have looked at two different storys A person who loves the rainforest and would never see it chopped down and another who is taking part in the destruction of the rainforest.

Sure grand carges willl make brazil rich but Brazil is already one of the richest countrys. Rich with beauty and freedom and they are destroying their real riches to gain fake ones. But once the rainforest is gone and all they have is money they will regreat destroying their only real tresure.