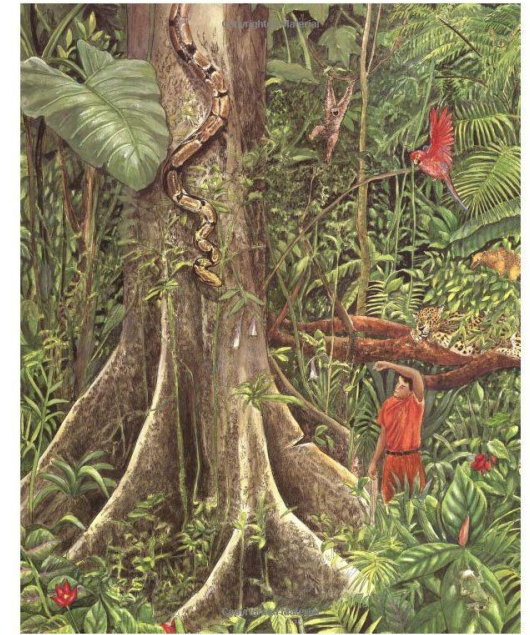


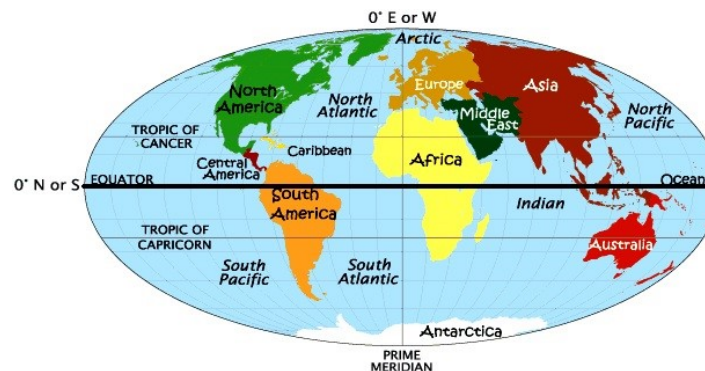
Amazon

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Glossary

Amazon	Geographical name for the rainforest in South America flowing from Peruvian Andes into the Atlantic in North Brazil
canopy	The uppermost spreading branchy layer of a forest.
climate	The general weather conditions usually found in a particular place.
conservation	Saving and protecting the environment.
equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the earth.
hemisphere	One of two halves of the earth above and below the equator.
rainforest	A thick forest of tall trees which is found in tropical areas where there is a lot of rain..



Plants and animals found in the Amazon Rainforest

Kapok tree—Can grow up to 60m rising well above the main canopy

Toco toucan—this bird uses its huge bill to pick fruit, but it also eats a few small animals.

Black caiman—this deadly predator lives in rivers where it preys mainly on fish but also seizes animals that wade into the water to drink.

Emerald tree boa—this climbing snake lives in trees. It seizes prey in its teeth before squeezing it to death.

Giant water lily—the floating leaves of this plant can be over 2.5m across with 40cm flowers.