

Amazon 2: Humans and the Amazon

Components

NAME	DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE
	<i>Humans and the Amazon</i> teacher guide	This guide suggests how to use the video, <i>Human impact on the Amazon</i> . teachers
	<i>Human impact on the Amazon</i> video	This video provides students with an overview of some of the impacts of humans on the Amazon rainforest ecosystem. students
	<i>Human impact: Amazon case study</i> worksheet	This worksheet contains questions to be answered after viewing the video. students

Purpose

A video of human impacts on the Amazon rainforest stimulates discussion and ideas in students.

Outcomes

Students:

- describe some examples of impacts of population growth on ecosystems, and
- appreciate some causes and consequences of environmental issues such as deforestation, agricultural practices and urbanisation.

Activity summary

ACTIVITY	POSSIBLE STRATEGY
Discuss human impacts that occur as humans go from small decentralised populations to larger urban developments.	teacher-led class discussion
Discuss where this has occurred around the world.	
Show the video, <i>Human impact on the Amazon</i> .	
Students complete the worksheet, <i>Human impact: Amazon case study</i> , as they view the video.	
Discuss student answers.	class or small-group discussions

Technical requirements

The video *Human impact on the Amazon* may be viewed in any modern browser.

The teacher guide and worksheet require Adobe Reader (version 5 or later), which is a free download from www.adobe.com. The worksheet is also provided in Microsoft Word format.

Using the video

Show the video, *Human impact on the Amazon*, and discuss it with students to explore impacts humans have on ecosystems.

Student discussion following the video may be teacher-led as a whole group discussion, or in small groups using strategies such as Think, Pair, Share. Suitable discussion questions include:

- Has this occurred elsewhere in the world?
- What parts of the ecosystem are affected?
- Do humans impact the biotic or abiotic environment?
- What is the 'Gaia hypothesis' and how do humans affect this?
- Discuss the investigation activity in the worksheet.

Associated SPICE resources

DESCRIPTION
<p><i>Amazon 1: The Amazon rainforest</i></p> <p>A video provides an overview of one of the world's major biomes, the Amazon rainforest. It presents a visual journey of aspects of the rainforest with information on abiotic and biotic factors and components of the forest.</p>
<p><i>Amazon 2: Humans and the Amazon</i></p> <p>A video provides an overview of some impacts of humans on the Amazon rainforest ecosystem.</p>

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