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WHERE IN *THE AMERICAS* IS THE AMAZON?

Watch *The Americas*. With your students, think about the biological diversity of the Amazon region and discuss features highlighted in *The Americas*.

Subjects: Biology, Environmental Science, Geography (landforms, maps)

MATERIALS:

- [The Amazon episode](#) or video snippets
- Access to digital [map](#)
- Student Page: *What Do I Know About the Amazon?*

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Find the Amazon and identify key geographic features.
- Identify producers and consumers and decomposers.
- Make observations about species and their adaptations.
- Explain how climate change and human activity impact the Amazon



BEFORE WATCHING *The Americas: The Amazon*

As a class or in groups have students explore and discuss the following questions with each other. Individuals or Groups can utilize maps, or online tools to help answer the questions below:

- Find where you live on a [map](#). World Atlas/GIS Geography: <https://gisgeography.com/north-america-map/>
- Use a digital mapping tool to calculate the distance from where you live to one location in the Amazon highlighted in *The Americas*.
- If you could explore the Amazon, where would you go? What animals would you hope to see?

AFTER WATCHING *The Americas: The Amazon*

Ask students to answer the following questions on the Student Page or discuss as a class or in small groups.

ADAPTATIONS:

For younger students: After a class discussion, ask students to draw a picture of the Amazon rainforest with trees and wildlife featured in this episode. (Giant river turtle, giant river otter, harpy eagle, emperor tamarin, capybara, green anaconda, hyacinth macaws, army ants, pink river dolphin.)

For older students: Ask students to research some of the greatest threats to wildlife that call the Amazon their home. Then write a brief paper describing actions we can take to protect them?



STUDENT PAGE: *The Americas: The Amazon*

WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THE AMAZON?

Choose a wildlife species featured in this episode that you would like to learn more about and write 5 amazing facts. _____

Describe an example of a food chain within the Amazon ecosystem? (Label producers, consumers and decomposers) _____

How does climate change and the built environment (e.g. towns, cities, roads, etc.) impact wildlife that live in the Amazon region? _____

Why is it important to care about the largest rainforest? _____
