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Rainforest Alliance

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Are rainforests worth saving?

Hello, I'm Susan. I am 12 years old. I am a student at Washington elementary school. I am a sixth grader, I am graduating on June nineteenth. I like science for doing experiments. Also, we have done many projects, and today, I am talk about our project — rainforests.

We did our rainforest project in science lab, there are many science materials and animals there. It is a good place for who likes science. We went to the museum for the rainforest.

A tropical rainforest has three layers: the first floor, the understory, and the canopy. The forest floor has poor soil. Mainly insects live on the floor, although large mammals like gorillas and jaguars are found there. Many smaller animals including anteaters, lemurs and tree kangaroos live in the understory. This is also where many small tree and shrubs are found. The canopy, or top layer, is made up of trees which can grow to be over 200 feet high. Many tropical birds monkeys, apes, snakes, and other animals live in the canopy.

The rainforest are very important to the world for many reasons, most of them being very simple. One major reason is that the plants in the forest turn carbon dioxide in to clean air, which helps us fight pollution. Also, by absorbing carbon dioxide, the rainforest help deter the greenhouse effect. The tree of the rainforest is very important to us in this world.

We need to save the rainforest, cause many animals, and plants live there, if we destroy the rainforest, they will die, and we won't be able to sese them again, so we

need to protect them.

— Susan, Washington bilingual Elementary school

Are rainforests worth saving ?

My name is Amy Chen, I am 12 years old, I am a student in Washington Elementary School. We are going to graduate on June 25, our project is "Are rainforest worth saving?" The reason I want to be in news is because I want the other school can help rainforest, too.

Our project is made by all of us, plus Mr. Honda and Miss Wang, we pick many leaves and trees in our school, and we make a rainforest model, our project is about how important rainforest is. Is rainforest important? The answer is yes, because it has many trees, and the trees can help us make oxygen, the oxygen is important to us, and if rainforests all gone, the animals will have no home.

My purpose is to help rainforest, we donate money, and our money could save 1.5 acre of rainforest, it is very meaningful, because if we help rainforest then we will have many trees and oxygen, I want other people know how important is rainforest to animals.

I think rainforest is very important, because there are many animal leave in rainforest, if the rainforest is gone, they will have no home, and maybe will all die and rainforest can make oxygen for the animals, I want to encourage other schools to do the same thing with us, because if all the schools do that, then we can help many rainforests and animals.

— AMY CHEN,

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