

Y8 Geography	Rainforest Essay Learning Checklist
Characteristics & Location or Rainforests	Extending: As in securing but with an explanation of how climate causes the distribution
	Securing: Clear understanding of structure of forest and adaptations with climate and distribution described supported with data
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Reasons for Deforestation	Extending: Able to explain the global pressures that bring about deforestation.
	Securing: Explanation of why there are many reasons for deforestation linked to development.
	Developing: List the reasons for deforestation.
Consequences of Deforestation	Extending: Is able to evaluate the global consequences of deforestation on climate and gene pools.
	Securing: Explain the wider effects on micro-climate, hydrology, soil erosion and indigenous tribes.
	Developing: Describes the local effects on biodiversity.
Winners & Losers from Deforestation/Skill of constructing an argument.	Extending: Is able to evaluate the global winners & losers and is aware of the role that forests play as carbon sinks.
	Securing: Explains the effects on people and ecosystems of deforestation.
	Developing: Lists those who may benefit or lose out.
Value judgement/Should deforestation continue	Extending: Is aware of the complexities of environmental degradation versus poverty and economic development. Suggests fully justified solutions. Almost faultless SPG.
	Securing: Suggests credible solutions with some justification. Occasional errors with SPG.
	Developing: Simple statements without justification. Some errors with SPG.