Structure of an Information Report

introduces the topic

Title

Rainforests

What is a Rainforest?

Rainforests are areas with many tall trees and high rainfall. Rainforests are teeming with life. More than half the world's species of plants and animals live in rainforests.

Layers of a Rainforest

Rainforests have four main layers. The first layer is the forest floor. Very little sunlight reaches the forest floor and so not many plants grow in this dark place. It is home to the larger rainforest animals as well as many insects. Above the forest floor is the understory. Shrubs, bushes and younger trees occupy this layer. The understory is also a dark place. The canopy layer acts as a roof over the understory and forest floor layers. The canopy is home to more life than any of the other layers. At the top is the

Emergent Laye

Understory

Forest Floor

emergent layer. The very tallest of the trees are found in this layer.

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navigate the report and find information quickly

Animals

Many animals live in rainforests. The forest floor and understory

layer are home to many insects, frogs and snakes as well as some of the largest rainforest

animals like jaguars and anteaters. Animals that live in the canopy include monkeys, birds, sloths and lizards. Some of the animals that live in the canopy never need to touch the ground! The emergent layer is home to some species of eagles, hawks and other birds.

Rainforests are amazing places that must be looked after.

Concluding Paragraph

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Introductory Paragraph

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