

Rainforest Development - FOR and AGAINST

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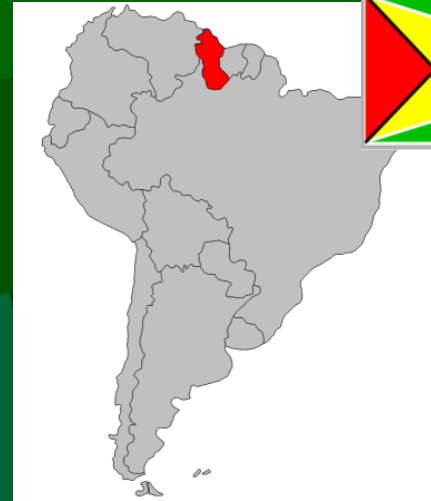


Tropical Rainforests - What would you do?

Location:

Guyana

Continent: South America
Population: 1,182,000
Capital: Georgetown



Mission brief:

Guyana's rainforests have, so far, been relatively untouched but pressure is growing on the president to use the resources from the rainforests to improve the Country's economy and strength in the global market.

You are advisors to the president of Guyana.

- *What are the arguments for saving the rainforest area?*
- *What are the arguments for developing the rainforest area?*
- *What decisions would you make?*

Use the next slide to compare arguments and make your decision...

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Protect

The rainforest is the Jaguar's home. Without it, they will become extinct!

Conservationist

The rainforest is our life- it provides wood, food and medicine for my people.

Tribe Leader

If we cut down the trees, we may never get them back. What will we use then?

Politician

Strong

Argument

Weak

Develop

How else can we raise money for our people?

Politician

The wooden furniture from countries like Guyana is cheap, good quality and very popular with our customers.

UK Furniture Chain

We can use the wood from the trees to make furniture and paper. We can give local people jobs.

Logging Company

Countries like the UK have used their resources to develop their economy. Why can't we? **Politician**

Your Task: Write a balanced argument

Write a letter to the President of Guyana (Dear Mr President)

Explain that your letter is advice about the benefits **for** and **against** developing the rainforest

Use the arguments from the previous slide across two paragraphs to inform the President about the arguments **for** and **against**.

Write a concluding paragraph that gives your personal opinion about what he should do and why.

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[Click here to find out what the President of Guyana decided to do in 2007...](#)

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What the President of Guyana decided to do...

- He offered to preserve the country's entire 50 million acres of rainforest in return for sustainable development funds from the more developed countries.

- This means that Guyana can plan for more careful and environmentally friendly development and industry.

- An international organisation (which includes British representatives) are looking to support Guyana as they develop a greener and more sustainable economy.

- This is a perfect example of different countries working together around the World to reduce impact on the environment!