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The purpose of this piece of work is to use the Internet effectively in order to find out key information about the **rate of clearance**, the **causes**, and the **consequences of deforestation**.

Your task is to use the answers to produce a short report about deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest. Once you have used the web links, you should delete them.

1. Load up the website: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/>

- a. What is a RAINFOREST?

A rainforest is...

- b. Where are they found? (Use <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/>).
Insert a map below:



- c. Describe the **STRATA** of the Rainforest (STRATA means layers). There are 4 main layers:

1. **EMERGENTS:**
2. **CANOPY:**
3. **UNDERSTORY:**
4. **FOREST FLOOR:**

2. Go to http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/radiobuttonquiz/radio_button_quiz1.shtml and complete the strata puzzle!

3. What are the main reasons given for the Brazilian Rainforest being destroyed? Briefly describe each of these reasons.

<http://www.mongabay.com/20brazil.htm>

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Library/Deforestation/>

<http://www.rainforestinfo.org.au/background/causes.htm>

a) Clearing for cattle:

b) Settling by poor farmers (subsistence farming):

c) Infrastructure improvements (e.g. new roads):

d) Commercial farming (cash crops):

e) Logging:

4. What are some of the consequences of rainforests being cut down? What do we stand to lose? What problems for the earth could arise?

<http://www.rain-tree.com/facts.htm>

http://www.ran.org/info_center/factsheets/04a.html

Select the points you think are most important from the websites.
Sumrise them as bullet points: