

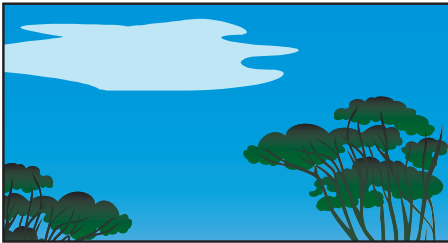
## Rainforest Layers

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Look at the pictures of the rainforest layers below, and read the descriptions of the four layers of the rainforest. Match each rainforest layer picture with its proper description. Write your answer in the box next to each picture.




**A**

- Has shorter, younger trees
- Receives about two percent sunlight




**B**

- Birds and insects live here
- Receives more sunlight than other layers




**C**

- Covered with decomposing leaves and humus
- Many fungi and insects live here




**D**

- Traps the most water and sunlight
- Produces the most food for forest creatures



## Write a Descriptive Paragraph

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The Amazon rainforest is home to many amazing creatures. Research online and in the library to learn more about a creature that lives in the Amazon rainforest. Then use the information you learned to write a descriptive paragraph about the creature.

A descriptive paragraph is a group of sentences that describes a noun. A noun is a person, place, or a thing. To write a descriptive paragraph, you will need many describing words. Describing words are called adjectives.

A descriptive paragraph has three parts. The first part is the topic sentence. The topic sentence is usually the first sentence. It tells readers what the paragraph will be about and catches their attention. Supporting sentences generally follow the topic sentence. They provide details explaining or supporting the topic sentence. At the end of a descriptive paragraph, a sentence wraps up, or summarizes, the ideas expressed in the paragraph. This is called the concluding sentence. It is usually a strong sentence.

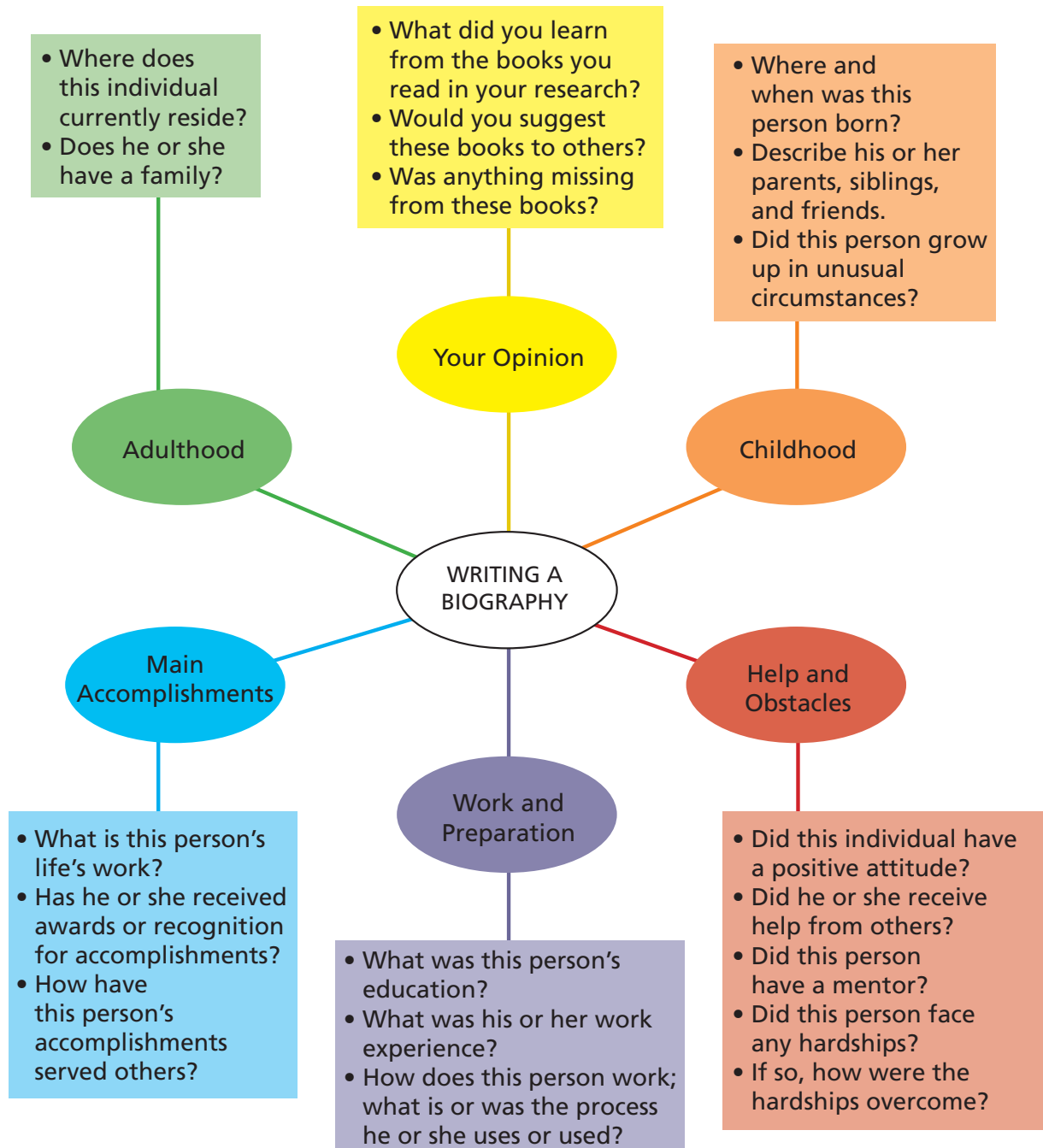
Topic Sentence

Supporting Sentences

Concluding Sentence



Many scientists have studied the Amazon rainforest. Research online, and choose a scientist that you are interested in learning more about. Make sure you choose a scientist who has studied the Amazon rainforest. Then, try researching and writing a biography about that person using this concept web as a guide.



## Write a Biography

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## Mapping the Rainforests

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Look at the map below. Match the rainforests to the correct areas on the map. Write your answer in the box next to the correct area on the map.

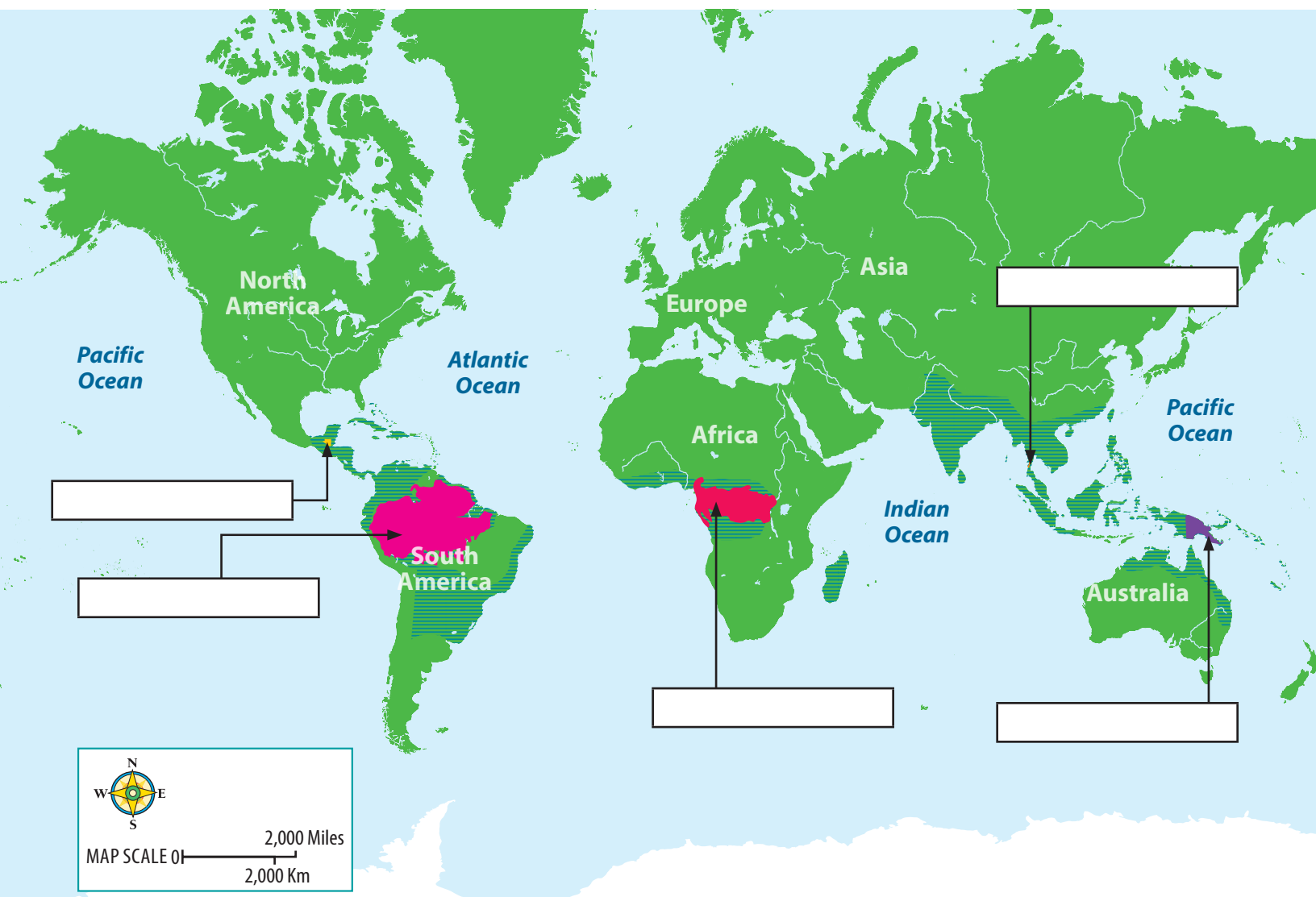
Congo River Rainforest

Maya Biosphere Reserve

Papua New Guinea Rainforest

Khlong Yee and Khlong Phra Song Rainforests

Amazon Rainforest



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## Rainforest Timeline

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Use the book, and research in the library and online, to create a list of important events in the life of the Amazon rainforest. Your list should include at least 10 events. Organize the events by time period, from oldest to most recent. Then, use your list of events to create a timeline.

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## True or False?

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false, make it true.

- 1** Henry Walter Bates was a conquistador.

- 2** According to legend, manioc is named after a boy named Mani.

- 3** People know much more about the rainforest canopy than the ocean floor.

- 4** The Amazon's jaguar population is increasing.

- 5** Humus is made partly of decomposing leaves.

- 6** Income from tourism encourages local people to take care of the Amazon wilderness.



## Short Answer

Answer the following questions using information from the book.

**1** To what ocean does the Amazon River flow?

**2** What did not cover the Amazon during an ice age?

**3** What are the names of the rainforest's layers?

**4** What are lianas?

**5** What drink has more caffeine than coffee?





# Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for the following questions.

- 1** The Amazon rainforest is mostly in:
  - a Mexico
  - b Brazil
  - c Ecuador
  - d Argentina
- 2** Pirogues are a type of:
  - a food
  - b flower
  - c fish
  - d boat
- 3** What group of indigenous peoples lives in the Amazon?
  - a The Yanomami
  - b The San
  - c The Aztecs
  - d The Mohawks
- 4** What do doctors use as a treatment for malaria?
  - a Brazil nut
  - b Guaraná
  - c Curare
  - d Quinine



## Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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### KEY WORDS

biome  
caffeine  
carbon dioxide  
deforestation  
greenhouse effect  
humus

ice age  
indigenous  
lasers  
latex  
nutrients  
predators

satellite  
species  
tributaries



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1.   
a liquid produced by certain types of plants that is made into rubber
2.   
native to a certain place; having been born in a place
3.   
bodies of water that feed into larger bodies of water, such as rivers
4.   
devices that emit a beam of radiation
5.   
a gas that is found normally in the atmosphere and is absorbed by plants
6.   
a brownish, mushy substance made up of dead, decomposing parts of plants and animal waste on a forest floor
7.   
specific groups of plants or animals that share characteristics
8.   
a period of time when a large area of Earth is covered by glaciers

9.   
the dangerous warming of Earth
10.   
the act of removing trees from an area
11.   
a spacecraft that travels around Earth and transmits communication signals
12.   
a substance in plants such as coffee and tea that, when consumed, can make people feel alert
13.   
animals that hunt and kill other animals for food
14.   
a large naturally occurring habitat, such as a forest
15.   
any substance that provides nourishment when consumed

