

Trans-Amazon Expedition

Student Response: April 21, 2007

Name _____

Notes From The Trail: Shelter For All

1. Give an example of a natural defense mechanism of plants in the rainforest.

2. Explain how silica helps plants protect themselves.

3. What are two reasons that animals use shelters?

4. Why do people in the Amazon sometimes build their houses on stilts?

Cultural Connections: Home for the Ribeneros

5. In paragraph 3, the author mentions that kitchens are usually in separate buildings. Why do you think this is? Hint: Look at the picture on the left!

6. What are some luxury items found in a ribenero's house? What are some luxury items found in your house?

7. What are some ways ribeneros use the Amazon River?

8. What would you do to entertain yourself on a launcha for three days? Remember, there's no electricity!
