

# Trans-Amazon Expedition

## Student Response: May 5, 2007

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### Notes From The Trail: A Forest Rich in Life and History

1. Identify three ways in which the understory and the emergent layers of the rainforest are different.

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2. What does a habitat provide? How does the rainforest provide these things for its human inhabitants?

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3. What was the population of the Amazon rainforest before Europeans arrived? What is the current population?

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4. Do you think protecting habitats is important to people who don't live in them? Why or why not?

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## Cultural Connections: Seringueiros and the Rubber Boom

5. What were two developments that fueled the rubber boom?

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6. Name some reasons why being a seringueiro is difficult.

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7. Why couldn't rubber be harvested during the rainy season? What did the seringueiros do during the rainy season?

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8. What are some things made out of rubber (probably synthetic) that you use?

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