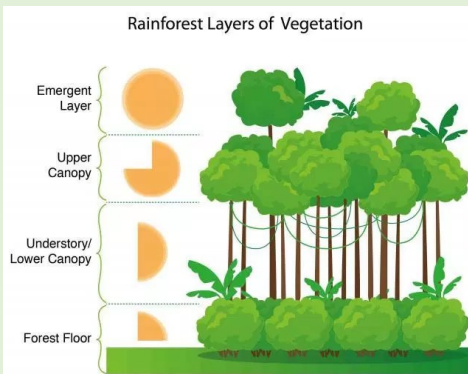


South America and Rainforests



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Tropic of Cancer Tropic of Capricorn	Latitude lines to the north and south of the equator.
Indigenous Tribes	The first people to live in a place.
Temperate Climate	A climate which is neither extremely hot or extremely cold.
Tropical Climate	A climate which is hot all year round.
Emergent Layer	The tallest layer of the rainforest.
Canopy Layer	The thick layer of vegetation below the emergent layer.
Understory Layer	A dark, damp place because the canopy blocks out the sunlight.
Urbanization	Increase in the proportion of people living in towns and cities.
Endangered	An endangered animal is one that is at risk of becoming extinct.
Deforestation	When trees in a forest which are cut down.
Sustainability	Use of natural resources responsibly today, so they are available for future generations.

Key Knowledge

The longest river in Brazil is the river Amazon (4345 miles) and the highest mountain is the Pico de Neblina (9827ft).

The term indigenous is used to refer to people who are native to a place which has since been colonised by people from other places.

Tropical Rainforests are composed of a forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent layer.

Tropical rainforests are located between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. They can be found in South America, Africa, Asia and Australia.

Tropical rainforests are endangered because of deforestation as a result of farming and food production, road-building and settlement development.



The Amazon Rainforest, Brazil.