**Planet in Peril: Deforestation**

Watch the video:[Deforestation in the Rain Forest a CNN Report](http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2009/planet.in.peril/brazil.html)

Answer the following questions individually:

How do you think that the loss of this ecosystem might affect the rich biodiversity of Brazil?

Do you think that humans should be concerned about the situation?

Why or why not?

 With a partner locate a site in the world where deforestation is taking place. Conduct research to determine:

1. The human communities and major plant and animal species that share this ecosystem,
2. The primary causes of the deforestation in this region (e.g., clear-cutting, slash-and-burn agriculture, overgrazing) and why these actions are taking place,
3. The potential impact of continued deforestation in the region on humans, climate, biodiversity, economy and physical geography.

Once your group has gathered the information, consider ecotourism as a way to raise awareness of and promote respect and revenue for your chosen forest regions. Write a public service announcement (PSA) script or design an informational brochure that uses ecotourism as one way to combat deforestation.