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Constructing an Evidence-Based Argument

In a tropical rain forest, trees play important roles in the water and nutrient cycles, including providing habitats for many organisms. Deforestation, or the destruction or removal of forests and their undergrowth, is happening throughout the Amazon rain forest due to human activity. Mining, logging, and the construction of dams and roads are clearing sections of the forest faster than the forest can rebuild. This is causing the plants and animals that live in these areas to relocate or die. Using the information you found during your analysis of the map Amazonia: Vital and Fragile, construct an argument for why it is important to save the trees in the Amazon rain forest.

Question: *Why is it important to protect the trees in the Amazon rain forest?*

Claim

(What is your answer to the question?)

Evidence

(What data supports your claim? You should have multiple pieces of evidence.)
