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## Constructing an Evidence-Based Argument

The biodiversity of the Amazon rain forest is threatened by deforestation caused by development, logging, mining, and creating pastureland for cattle and crops. Using the information you found through the MapMaker Interactive geo-tour Geography and Wildlife of the Amazon Basin and your online research, construct an argument for why it is important to protect the biodiversity of the Amazon rain forest.

**Question: Why is it important to protect biodiversity within the Amazon rain forest?**

### Claim

*(What is your answer to the question?)*

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### Evidence

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

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### Reasoning

*(How does your evidence support your claim? You should provide reasoning for all evidence.)*

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