Name _____ Date _____

Writing a Position Statement about Construction in the Amazon Basin

While the Amazon rain forest is rich in natural resources, such as hydroelectric energy, timber, and iron ore, development needs to occur for people to access these resources and make them available to the global economy. As the forest is cleared for development, biodiversity, indigenous populations, and the global climate are threatened. Using the information you and your classmates found through MapMaker Interactive and online research, take a position on one of the proposed construction projects in the Amazon rain forest.

Topic: *Should the proposed project (Belo Monte dam, Pucallpa-Cruzeiro do Sul road, or S11D Mine) be allowed to develop in the Amazon rain forest?*

1. Which project are you focusing on? _____

2. What is your position on this project?
   - ☐ For construction project
   - ☐ Against construction project
   - ☐ For construction project with some modifications

3. List reasons to support your position on the construction project.
   (You should have multiple reasons to support your position.)

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

© 2015 National Geographic Society

Name _____ Date _____

Writing a Position Statement about Construction in the Amazon Basin, continued

4. Create a one-or two-sentence position statement. Use the reasons that you stated above to craft your position statement. Check the Position Statement rubric and make sure your statement meets all of the requirements.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

© 2015 National Geographic Society