

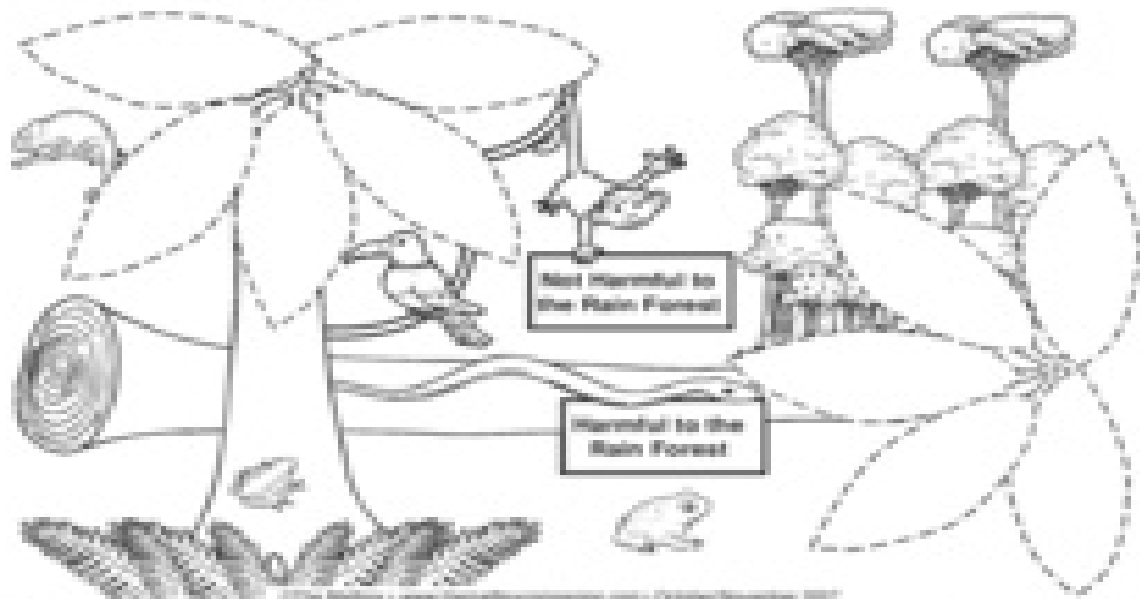
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Critical Thinking

Harmful or Not?

The rain forest provides many useful products for people. What is done to obtain these products is sometimes harmful to the rain forest. Any activity that involves deforestation is harmful to the rain forest's survival. Deforestation is the destroying of forests by cutting down trees to clear land for farms and other reasons.

Directions: Read the activities listed on the leaves below. Decide if the activity is harmful or not harmful to the rain forest. Then cut out each leaf and glue it to the correct tree. Use reference materials for help, if needed.



- stripping rubber from trees to make latex
- clearing land to mine for minerals such as iron, copper, or uranium
- harvesting rain forest fruits, nuts, and grains
- gathering honey from bees
- cutting down trees for lumber
- removing palm oil from the fruits and seeds of palm trees
- burning down trees for cattle ranching
- producing furniture made from rain forest woods
- clearing land for small farms
- gathering extracts from plants for medicines