**Knowledge Organiser - Rainforests**

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| **Key question:** |
| What and who live in the Amazon Rainforest? |
| **Key information:** |
| Where is the Amazon Rainforest? | The Amazon Rainforest is located in 9 different countries but the majority of it (around 60%) is located in Brazil. The rest of it can be found in Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. |  |
| **Key vocabulary:** | **The layers of the Rainforest:** |
| **Brazil -** The largest country in South America. This is home to more than half of the Amazon Rainforest. | Image result for layers of the rainforest |
| **Amazon Rainforest -** The largest Rainforest on Earth. It covers nearly half of South America! |
| **Equator -** An imaginary line that is drawn around the middle of the earth. |
| **Tropics -** Areas of the Earth that are near the equator. There are two tropics: The Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. |
| **Forest Floor -** The bottom layer of a rainforest. This is where many of the larger rainforest animals live. |
| **Understory Layer -** The layer above the forest floor. Snakes, jaguars, lizards and lots of other animals live in this layer. |
| **Canopy Layer -** The layer of a tropical rainforest where plants form an umbrella type of overhang that rises high above the ground. |
| **Emergent Layer –** The very top of the rainforest. Only the tallest plants and trees reach this layer! |
| **Yanomani Tribe -** A group of about 35,000 native people who live in over 200 villages in the Amazon rainforest. |
| **Famous Tropical Rainforests:** |
| Amazon Rainforest (South America)Congo Rainforest (Africa)Daintree Rainforest (Australia)Harapan Rainforest (Indonesia)Madagascar Lowland Forests (Madagascar) |