

Prior Knowledge

This topic builds on knowledge of the seven continents you have gained throughout your time at Templars. You know that a continent contains many countries. You know that climates vary around the world and that places closer to the equator are generally hotter than those further away. You know that climate change is an issue in many places on Earth and that some people are working to help reduce it. You also know that people rely on trade to receive and sell produce.

What? (Key vocabulary) World Issues

biodiversity	The variety of plant and animal life in a place	Fairtrade	A system made to help producers in developing countries have better trade conditions
tributary	A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake	conservation	The prevention of wasteful use of a resource
cocoa	Made from cacao beans and is an ingredient in chocolate and other products	climate change	A change in climate patterns over a long period of time
freshwater ecosystem	Includes lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, springs, bogs and wetlands	World Wide Fund (WWF)	A charity working to protect forests and living things
agriculture	Preparing and using land for crops and livestock	deforestation	When forests are destroyed by cutting trees and not replanting them
		extinction	When there are no more of a species alive



Who? (Significant people)

Atossa Soltani	Founder of the charity Amazon Watch which protects the Amazon rainforest - it's people, animals and plants
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Where? (Significant places)

North America	A continent containing these countries: USA, Mexico, Canada, Greenland and Jamaica
South America	A continent containing these countries: Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, Peru and Chile
Central America	A region containing these countries: El Salvador, Costa Rica, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama
Latin America	Territories in the Americas where Spanish, Portuguese and French are the main languages

Key Locations

Brasilia	The capital city of Brazil
Amazon Rainforest	A tropical rainforest in Brazil
Amazon River	The largest river in the world as is located in South America
The Andes	A mountain range in South America



