

Rainforest – PowerPoint Presentation

Task: Each group will create a PowerPoint Presentation over their tropical rainforest. Your presentation should include information your group has currently gathered plus one added component – challenges your rainforest is currently facing: deforestation, hunting/gaming, pollution, etc. You will want to do your additional research first. While researching look for pictures you may wish to save for your presentation. You may also want to search for a video clip or video link to include in your PowerPoint. Here are the subtopics you should cover in your PowerPoint: location, climate, plants, animals, challenges, and a summary. You may need 1-2 slides for each subtopic. Your group should work to have a total of 10 slides!

Step 1 – Create a New PowerPoint Presentation

- Open Microsoft PowerPoint.
- Go to File > Blank Presentation.
- Go to the Home Tab > Layout. Select a Blank slide from layout.
- Go to Design Tab > on the far right choose Format Background. You may choose a solid or gradient background; be sure to select the Apply to All button at the bottom.

Step 2 – Add Slides

- From the Home Tab click the 'New Slide' button, or from the Insert Tab click 'New Slide.' Add 12 slides at this time; any extra slides that aren't used can be deleted at the end. This will ensure all slides look identical to the Title slide.
- To choose the Layout for a slide simply click on the new slide (from the left hand side) then go to the Home Tab and select from Layout choices.

Step 3 – Populate the Slides

Slide One:

- Presentation Title: The title of your group's presentation such as The Amazon Rainforest.
Subtitle: By Your Names – each person in the group should be given credit

Slide Two:

- Title: Location - The titles on each slide should have a larger font size than the rest of the text on the slide.
- Insert Tab > Clip Art or Picture, you may wish to include a map as a reference.
- Add text boxes if needed or change your slides Layout. Include information about the location of the rainforest.

Slide Three:

- Title: Climate
- Include bulleted information. You may wish to include a chart, graph, or map.

Slide Four: Plants

- Describe the canopy and floor of the rainforest. Does it have distinct layers?
- Add pictures or diagrams

Slide Five: Animals

- Describe the animals that live in your rainforest. What makes them well-suited to the rainforest environment?
- Add pictures. This may be where you would like to include a video clip or link. You may choose to include a sound clip.

Slide Six: Challenges

- This slide should include current challenges facing the rainforest ecosystem.

Slide Seven: Summary

- Type three sentences summarizing what you learned about the rainforest.

Only six slides are described above but under some subtopics you will need more than one slide for your information.

Use the "Checklist for Making a PowerPoint Pop" as a self-assessment guide for PowerPoint creativity and components.

Good YouTube videos to watch for PowerPoint Tips:

*Basic PowerPoint - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQQnPhHCNhg>

12 PowerPoint Tips for Kids - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7EfkCBhANk>

PowerPoint Basic Slides For Beginners -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ua4AR_uylFo

*How to Give an Awesome (PowerPoint) Presentation -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i68a6M5FFBc>

How to Create a Simple Student PowerPoint Presentation -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBTvPpGmNc4>

PowerPoint Effects Tutorial -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wjk85MQNRHo>

* We will watch these together in class.