## Tuesday English Resources

## Saving the Rainforest - One Tree at a Time

Across the world our rainforests are in danger. Deforestation is a constant and never ending threat to the welfare of some of our most vulnerable animals and indigenous peoples. Farming, mining, trade and population growth are not good enough reasons to destroy the homes of many. Is this really fair? Is this really what anyone wants?

Introduction

## Point 1

Today, right now, farms are being built all over the rainforests of the world to provide meat and crops to consumers. These farms are being built over ancient woodland, over the homes of the native people and animals and forcing these fragile ecosystems to the edge. They are the singe biggest danger to places like the Amazon

How much is gold worth? Really? A life? The lives of animals? What about iron? Or copper? Mining is crippling the woodlands of the rainforest. Although yes we do want or need these precious resources there must be a better way . . . .

## Point 3

We as consumers need wood based products, but have you really thought about what impact that can have on the world around us? Do you really need a mahogany table? An oak one is just as good can be made using trees that are plentiful and easily replaced. The selfishness of people should not be of greater importance than the survival of the planet.

Point 4

Our planet needs our help. We must put an end to this constant destruction, an end to machines destroying homes for the profits of a few, an end to deforestation. Think of the countless acres of land that have been lost just in the time it has taken you to read this. Those acres didn't need to be destroyed, there is another way.

Conclusion