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To summarize a passage you have read, remember:

- The **topic** is what the reading is mostly about.
- The **important details** tell more about the topic.
- A **summary** is a short statement of the topic and important details of a reading.

## Summarize Text Marks



Circle the **topic**.



Check important **details**.



Write a **summary** in your own words.

Read "The Amazing Amazon." Find the topic and important details. Then mark the text and write a summary.

## The Amazing Amazon

The Amazon is the largest tropical rain forest in the world. It covers about 40 percent of South America. Rain forests are in very warm parts of the earth. They also get a rainfall of at least 100 inches each year. Rain forests are home to a huge variety of living things. The Amazon has the most species of plants and animals of any place in the world.

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## Mark the Text

Summarize the text.



Circle the topic.



Check important details.



Write a summary in your own words on the lines.

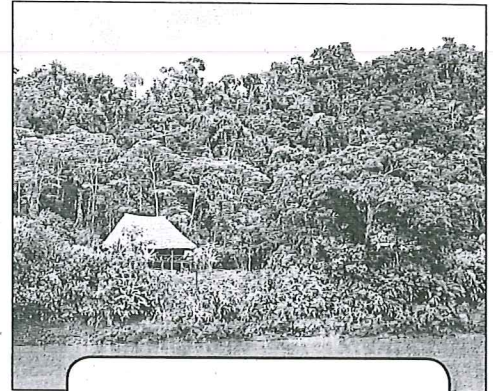
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Read "Amazon Journey." Find the topic and important details. Then mark the text and write a summary.

### Amazon Journey


Many people want to protect the Amazon rain forest. But few care as much as Ed Stafford. Stafford is the first person to ever hike the entire length of the Amazon River. Stafford started at the river's source in Peru. He ended where the river flows into the ocean in Brazil. The journey stretched for 4,200 miles through the rain forest.

Along the way, Stafford waded through dangerous waters. They were full of hungry piranha fish and crocodiles. On land, he met snakes, jaguars, and millions of mosquitoes. Almost two and a half years later, Stafford finished his hike. He did it to call the world's attention to saving the Amazon.



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Read "A Rain Forest in Trouble." Find the topic and important details. Then mark the text and write a summary.

## A Rain Forest in Trouble

Even though it is a huge place, the Amazon is in trouble. In just a few decades, the Amazon has lost almost 17 percent of its trees. Experts worry what will happen next. They predict that 55 percent of the Amazon might be destroyed by 2030.

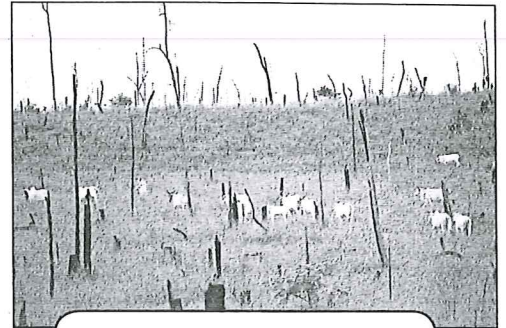
Humans are destroying the Amazon for their own use. Farmers clear land to raise cattle and crops. Loggers cut down trees to make cheap timber. Roads, mines, and gas lines all add to the problem.

Other people are working hard to save the Amazon. Rain forests are the source of many foods and medicines. Rain forests absorb carbon dioxide, release oxygen, and keep the planet healthy. Saving the Amazon means saving the planet.

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