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Chico Mendes

Chico Mendes was born in 1944 in Brazil. He is famous for his work to protect the rain forest in Brazil.

How did Chico become interested in saving the rain forest? When he was growing up, his family worked in the rain forest. They took rubber from the trees. There were many families like Chico's family. All were very poor and even the children had to work hard all day. Children did not go to school. As Chico grew up, he began to see that the companies were hurting the rain forest. He saw that the trees and animals were dying. He worked to create places in the rain forest that could not be hurt. The other workers joined him to save the rain forest. A man shot and killed Chico because the man was angry about Chico's work to save the rainforest.

Why is he important? Chico is important because he helped us see how companies were hurting the rain forest.

Chico did not receive awards while he was alive, but after he died, many singers wrote songs about him. Chico became famous in their music.